



What a beautiful promise we have been given at the end of Psalm 23- a promise of being with God both in this life, and in the next. We are promised that God's goodness will follow us in our best days, and God's mercy will follow us in our worst days. This means our Good Shepherd leads us from the front, showing us the way, and His goodness and mercy follow us from behind, covering us from the back. We are literally surrounded by the love of the Father on all sides. What an incredible gift! Let's take time to dig into what that means for our lives.

*Read: Psalm 23:6*

What is the first word of Psalm 23:6? What does that tell us about the stability of what is to come?

How long does this care from the Lord last?

God's goodness and mercy follow us, as a form of his love for us, but what if goodness and mercy also follow us, because that is what we leave behind?

Do you leave goodness and mercy in your wake, as God's care flows through and around you?

What needs to shift in you, for you become a conduit of this aspect of God's love?

**Sheep are often on the move, yet this last verse paints a picture of what it means to 'dwell'.**

What does the word dwell conjure up in your mind? What does it look like, sound like, feel like, smell like, taste like?

**Look up the word "dwell" in the dictionary and see what it means.**

From the dictionary definition, which aspects of self (physical, mental, spiritual, emotional) can become involved in this one word, dwell?

What does the use of this one word tell us about how the earthly journey of Christ-followers ends?

What does the use of this word tell us about our relationship with God?

***Read John 14:1-3, compare to Psalm 23:6***

How does the House of the Lord differ from the 'house' we all currently live in?

What do you most look forward to about dwelling in the House of the Lord?

***Apply it:***

**What will you do this week to bring a taste of the House of the Lord to:**

...your own home?

...your relationships?

...strangers around you?

***Prayer:***

***Father, thank you for surrounding us completely with your love, your guidance, your goodness, and your mercy. We have nothing to fear because you are with us, on all sides. Thank you for leading us through this life, on our way to your eternal home where we can live, and even better, dwell, with you forever.***

***Amen.***