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*As for me and
my house,
we will serve
the LORD.
Joshua 24:15b*

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're still a little mixed up and will be celebrating our family Christmas on January 31st, but we are slowly getting back to a routine! When life is crazy, it helps me to meditate on the unchanging truth. I came across a fresh look at a familiar psalm.

Psalm 23 with God's truth

The LORD is my shepherd = **RELATIONSHIP**

I shall not want = **SUPPLY**

He makes me lie down in green pastures = **REST**

He leads me beside quiet waters = **REFRESHMENT**

He restores my soul = **HEALING**

He guides me in paths of righteousness = **GUIDANCE**

For His name's sake = **PURPOSE**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = **TESTING**

I will fear no evil = **PROTECTION**

For you are with me = **FAITHFULNESS**

Your rod and your staff they comfort me = **DISCIPLINE**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies = **HOPE**

You anoint my head with oil = **CONSECRATION**

My cup overflows = **ABUNDANCE**

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life = **BLESSING**

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD = **SECURITY**

Forever. = **ETERNITY**

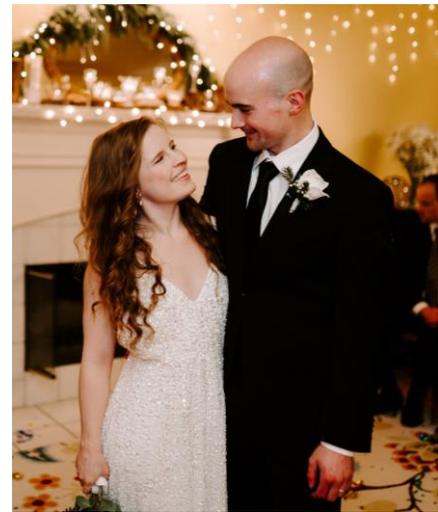
Maybe you could journal through the psalm and see what truths you come up with? It's good for the soul.

A few ministry updates...

The Blended Team is hosting a **virtual study** on Thursday evenings. It's a Zoom call and we have had over 200 people from all around the world! Ron Deal starts with some teaching time, we send them to breakout rooms with discussion questions, and then we have a Q & A time. It's been much appreciated.

How is your marriage doing as this pandemic lingers? FamilyLife is offering some help and hope by doing a **virtual cruise!** Join for some top-notch teaching, quality entertainment, and some creative fun! Check it out here. <https://www.lovelikeyoumeanitcruise.com/21Virtual>

Maybe you've recently discovered **time together isn't the same as connecting together.** But what if you could connect at that deeper level? Enter **Dates to Remember**—three you've-got-this moments that bring you closer. <https://shop.familylife.com/p-5998-dates-to-remember.aspx>



Family updates and prayer requests...

The newlyweds are doing well! The wedding was such a fun day at our house and no reported illness so we pulled off a wedding in the midst of a pandemic! **Please pray for Marie and Caleb as they embark on their journey.**

Naomi is living independently. **Pray that she would use the skills she has learned and will make wise choices.** We have set her up with every opportunity to succeed, but she needs to do her part.

Larry and I are blessed to be serving on the FamilyLife Blended team. Stepfamilies are truly an unreached people group right in our midst. **Pray that we serve with excellence** as we seek to effectively build marriages and families who change the world one home at a time!

Have you made plans for Valentine's Day yet? You know it will slip by if you don't plan something! Use it as an excuse to treat someone special.

One home at a time,

Larry and Lynn