



Life without lack

Seated in the presence of my enemies

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Psalm 23:5 ESV

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God does not know lack

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- There is no lack with God
- All things exist because of God



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The reality of the Christ following walk

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“1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. ”



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- What is the relationship that God is inviting us into?
 - One of following
 - One of dependance
 - The Lord is my Shepherd

Phil 4:11-13 ESV

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. **12** I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. **13** I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Phil 4:17 ESV

17 *Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.*



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- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- Seated in the presence of our enemies can sometimes feel like times where our lack is exposed.
- It can feel like the arena where our immediate destruction lays before us.

Preparing a table in the presence of my enemies

- It can be seen as a place where it is reasonable, and understandable to feel like we are in lack.
- When representing Christ, it is sometimes in these times that our lights shine brightest
- That does not change who God is.

Phil 4: 6-9 ESV

“6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4: 6-9 ESV

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

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9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ”

2 Chron 7:14 ESV

“ **14** if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ”



2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

“ **18** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ”

Psalms 16:11 ESV

“ 11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. ”

Prov 3:5-6 ESV

“ 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ”

Phil 4:8 ESV

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James 1:2-3 ESV

“ ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ”

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