



Walking the Right Path – July 2021

He leads me in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake. Psalm 23:3

David celebrates the protection and guidance of God. Sheep guarded by a faithful shepherd are led to food, water, and protected from harm. In the same way, David praises God for leading down the rights paths. The knowledge of God's protection and provision are a great comfort. Sheep were accustomed to following their shepherd in well-worn paths, but occasionally a sheep would stray from a safe path and become lost. The shepherd would leave the rest of the sheep in the custody of helpers and go searching for the lost sheep. Jesus, the Good Shepherd leads us in paths of righteousness, but we may wander from the chosen path. David testifies and the New Testament gives witness of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd willing to lay down His life for His sheep.

Psalm 23:3, John 10:7-18, Proverbs 14:12, Acts 14:22

Pastor Jonathan spoke of walking the right paths, paths that give us a chance to love God more deeply and serve others more faithfully.

Proverbs 14:12 says; *"There is a path that appears to be right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."*

Has there been evidence in your life where you chose the right path that led to life?
How so?

Have you ever walked a path of unrighteousness? If so, where did it take you?

Pastor Jonathan contrasted the point of view of the Shepherd vs. the Sheep. How does the Shepherd view the paths they travel vs. the Sheep?

The image of a good shepherd's responsibility is to display the nature of God. Where has God been faithful to you in your life?

Following "the Paths of Righteousness" is to follow in the footsteps of God. Our highest calling is to love God and love people. Do you feel you are in a place where you are loving God more faithfully?

Billy Graham spoke of loving all people in our conversations and in our actions. He wrote: "We should ask ourselves three questions before we act." Is it true? Is it kind? Does it glorify God?

How do you understand that?

Walking the right path means to love God and His creation, how can you do that more faithfully this week?

