

## GREEN PASTURES, QUIET WATERS

Psalm 23:2

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### PROVISION...

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

## I. REASON: WHY AM I HERE?

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. Psalm 23:1-2

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17

### A. What Will Be the Center of My Life?

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

#### Self-Centered or God-Centered?

### B. What Will Be the Character of My Life?

For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29

#### Comfort or Character?

### C. What Will Be the Contribution of My Life?

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 1 Peter 4:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

#### Giving or Getting?

➤ You make a living by getting. You make a life by giving.

## D. What Will Be the Communication of My Life?

For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

#### Promoting Myself or Sharing Christ?

## II. REFRESH: HOW CAN I MAKE IT THROUGH?

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Stop \_\_\_\_\_.

Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. Ecclesiastes 4:6

Learn \_\_\_\_\_.

...you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." James 4:14-15

Obey \_\_\_\_\_.

Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God... Exodus 20:9-10a

Wait \_\_\_\_\_.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Habakkuk 2:3