

# NEW SONG

## REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE WALKING WITH

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – November 13, 2016

Open by reading Psalm 23. Ask the Holy Spirit to anchor this great Psalm in the hearts of the TC family.

### HOW DO YOU LEARN TO DANCE IN THE RAIN?

1. By faith, remember who we are walking with: The Shepherd. Read Psalm 23:1, NIV.
  - Instead of focusing on the rainstorm, remind the rainstorm of who God is. David went “Upward” and said, “The Lord is my Shepherd.” Jewish people knew that a shepherd cared for his sheep by providing water and food. He also provided protection from thieves and wild animals.
  - God as a Shepherd is a metaphor that means God cares for and protects His people from the thief. How does this practically impact your life?
  - Now read John 10:7-11. Who does this text say is the Good Shepherd?
2. By faith, remember the Shepherd gives us rest and refreshment. Read Psalm 23:2-3a, NIV.
  - “Green pastures” and “quiet waters” speak of how God gives us rest, nourishment, and refreshment, just as sheep eat abundantly from green grass and drink water in a quiet stream.
  - Pastor Derwin taught, “Sometimes God uses the rain to make you slow down so He can give you rest, nourishment, and refreshment in a world that moves at a frenzied pace that often distorts and destroys our hearts.” Discuss the implications of this truth.
3. By faith, remember the Shepherd conforms us into the image of Jesus. Read Psalm 23:3b, NIV.
  - God uses the rainstorms of life to get us back on the path of righteousness. Righteousness is love. God, who IS love, wants us to embody love as Jesus’ lives in us and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - Pastor Derwin preached, “Love is sacrificial. Love is integrity. Love is humble. Love is courageous. Love is kind. Love is beautiful. Love desires the best for the person you are loving, which is for them to know Jesus.”
    - o How has God used rainstorms to make you more like Jesus (i.e., more loving)?
4. By faith, remember the Shepherd will comfort us. Read Psalm 23:4, NIV.
  - Because this is not yet the New Heavens and New Earth, we will walk through dark valleys. The Hebrew word for evil is ra’ah, and refers to harm or trouble.
    - o Even in difficult times, how do you overcome fear?
5. By faith, remember the Shepherd will provide all we need in our hour of trouble. Read Psalm 23:5, NIV.
  - David now portrays Yahweh (God) not only as a Shepherd, but also a Host. Hospitality in the ancient Near East culture required more than providing a guest with food. The host was also responsible for protecting his guest. Since David, as a guest, enjoys Yahweh’s protection, he can eat safely in the presence of his enemies. Wow! Even in the midst of trouble, God is protecting us and providing for us.
    - o What does this mean for God’s people? How can this truth be used to reach lost people?
6. By faith, remember that even in the rain the Great Shepherd showers us with mercy and love. Read Psalm 23:6, NIV and Hebrews 13:20-21, NIV.
  - The Hebrew word Hessed (mercy or love) is God being faithful to keep His covenant with His people. God promises that as our Shepherd, His love and mercy keep us in the midst of the rain and are used to transform us into the image of Jesus.

### **Soul-tattoo:** Remember Who you are walking with!

- Go to the TC website ([www.TransformationChurch.tc](http://www.TransformationChurch.tc)) and download the “New Song” mp3. Listen to it throughout the week and thank God for allowing you to learn how to trust Him through the storms of life.
- Close in prayer.