



The God of Unbreakable Love

SUMMARY:

Love is something we are all searching for. Unfortunately, there are not many places in which you can find true unconditional love. There always seem to be caveats to the love we are offered. When it comes to God's love, though, we can rest assured that it's unbreakable.

As we walk through Psalm 23, we see all the different ways God extends His goodness to us. From being the God who provides, to giving us perfect peace, to healing our pain, to simply being present in our lives. One of the most stunning truths we come to realize in this passage is that our God pursues us. He doesn't leave us to wander on our own. He is active in pursuing us and pouring His love in and through us. The Good Shepherd is loving, loyal, and He is our life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward:

Review the different names for God below. How do each of these characteristics exhibit love?

Yahweh-Raah, "The LORD is our shepherd." (Psalm 23:1a)

Yahweh-Jireh, "The LORD will provide." (Psalm 23:1b)

Yahweh-Shalom, "The LORD is our peace." (Psalm 23:2)

Yahweh-Rapha, "The LORD will heal." (Psalm 23:3)

Yahweh-Tsidkenu, "The LORD is our righteousness." (Psalm 23:3b)

Yahweh-Shammah, "The LORD is there." (Psalm 23:4)

Yahweh-Nissi, "The LORD is our banner." (Psalm 23:5-6)

Inward:

Of the names listed above, which one resonates with you in your current season?

In what ways can you invite God to show you His love?



Outward:

Read 1 Peter 2:24-25. If you are a Christ-follower, remember that once you were a sheep going astray, but God pursued you and brought you back into the fold. Who is someone in your life that needs to be reminded of the Good Shepherd's unbreakable love?

As we head into the holiday season, you will most likely be met with opportunities to share God's love with friends, family members, and even retail workers or service industry workers. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you in these conversations.