

God's Prescription for Joy Follow the Shepherd's Lead

Psalm 23:3

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

God has a plan for our life. He desires to heal our brokenness and soothe our pain but He also desires to do much more. We are often interested in God's healing and comfort. However, His greatest desire is one of restoration. He wants to restore our relationships, purpose, and power. In order for His work to be effective in our lives, we need to follow His lead.

I can have Joy:

1. When I understand that God desires to restore me.

Proverbs 14:12, Jeremiah 2:13, Isaiah 53:6, Luke 19:10, Psalm 19:7-8, Joel 2:12-13

2. When I allow God's restoration in my life through His leadership.

Proverbs 3:5-6, 4:18, Psalm 31:3, 32:8, Ezra 8:21-23, Ephesians 4:14-15, James 1:5-8

3. When I trust that God is going to act according to His character.

Psalm 37:23-24, Deuteronomy 7:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 2 Thessalonians 3:3,
2 Timothy 2:13, Numbers 23:19, Romans 3:3-4