The Shepherd Years

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INTRODUCTION

- The thrust of this lesson as we think about it is that you don't know where you're going to be 20 years from now.
- Sometimes your plan A is not God's plan A. And what we do today can color what happens down the road.
- It's because of these shepherd years that God chose David. And I want us to understand we all have shepherd years.

1 He Developed a Great Devotion to the Lord

Psalm 23; Psalm 29:3–9; Psalm 40:1–3

- Number one, as we think about this, he developed a great devotion to the Lord.
- It was during this time period where a lot of the amazing psalms were written.
- All of a sudden this becomes a prayer. I'm no longer talking about God. I'm talking to God.
- What did he do during this time period? He allowed himself to get closer and closer to the Lord.

2 He Developed a Great Courage to Trust in the Lord

1 Samuel 17:34–35

- We see that he developed a great courage to trust in the Lord.
- Your servant was tending his father's sheep when a lion or a bear came and took the lamb from the flock. I went out after him and attacked him and rescued it from his mouth.
- My job is to watch the sheep, and I'm going to do that job.
- He learned to rely upon the Lord. He learned that the Lord was his strength. He created integrity within him. He had a job to do and he did it well.
- If you can't be a person of integrity when you're 16, you probably won't be when you're 26.

3 Heart That Cares for Those Who Cannot Care for Themselves

Psalm 78:70–71

- Number three, he developed a heart that cares for those who cannot care for themselves.
- He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds from the care of ewes with suckling lambs he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people.
- If you are a dad you are a shepherd your flock is your family.
- This crippled boy is going to sit at my table the rest of his life.
- Who's to say that God is preparing you for what's coming down the road?

4 Who You Are Is More Important Than Where You Are

Acts 16:1–2; Philippians 2:20

- Number one, who you are is more important than where you are.
- If you cannot be a person of character in the hills of Judea, you won't be that way in a palace in Jerusalem.
- If I can't be generous with a little, I won't be generous with a lot.

5 What You Do Is More Important Than What You Have

Luke 10:36–37; Galatians 6:10

- Number two, what you do is more important than what you have.
- When we look at the New Testament, it is a roll up your sleeves bluecollar doing type of religion.
- So then while we have opportunity, let us do good.

6 Where You're Going Is More Important Than Where You've Been

Acts 17:26; Hebrews 13:20–21

- Number three where you're going is more important than where you've been.
- He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.
- God does his part. I do my part. And together we do what the kingdom says.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're not a Christian, you need to become one. And you're going to become one like Jimmy did. You're going to become one like Sean did, like I did. There's only one way and that's believing in Jesus Christ.**

MY NOTES