

††† SERMON NOTES †††

“God, I am so stressed out.” Ps. 23:2

4 REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SHEEP WILL LIE DOWN:

1. Free from _____ Nothing reassures a flock like seeing their _____ with them.

II Tim. 1:7 - God hasn't given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

2. Free from _____ with others God wants His people to be _____ with each other

3. Free from _____ (parasites, etc.)
God is our Shield....our Defense....our Fortress....

4. Free from the need to find _____

There are things you can learn in the "down times". Christ makes you lie down....to assimilate....to digest.....to "really" _____ - and the pastures are green!!

“Still waters”...

God cares for us, and doesn't demand of us more than we can give.

But what about those times when the river is raging? Isa. 43:2,3 - "When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you....when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned..For I am the Lord, your God...

What's the key to this peace? Shepherds tell us that in their flocks there are 2 kinds of sheep: some of the sheep stay as close to the shepherd as they can. They are calm and confident. Others lag behind; wander away; and stay terrified. There's something to be said for staying _____ to the _____!

