

IT'S A CONFIDENCE THING

Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table - Part 2

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” *Psalm 23:1-6 (NIV)*

PIECING TOGETHER THE PUZZLE:

What is the first thing you do when you begin a puzzle?

You turn the pieces _____ side up.

The second thing is to separate the edge pieces from the rest. These pieces form the _____ for the puzzle.

Psalms is a collection of Hebrew poetry. There are a series of boundaries under which the Psalms are recognized:

**Groupings – 5 books reflecting the 5 books of Moses
(Torah – Hebrew name; Law; Pentateuch)**

**Orientation / Disorientation / New Orientation
(a theological view)**

**Genre – 7 broad categories
(Hymns; Laments; Confidence for example)**

Finally, with the pieces picture side up, and the boundary in place, we start to _____ those pieces that will result in the puzzle coming together to reflect the image on the box.

3 AREAS THAT OFFER CONFIDENCE:

1. The LORD is my _____!

“The LORD is my shepherd...” *Psalm 23:1a (NIV)*

“...I will search for my sheep and look after them...I will rescue them...I will tend them in good pasture...they will lie down in good grazing land...they will feed in a rich pasture...”
Ezekiel 34:11-15 (NIV)

2. The shepherd _____!

“...I lack nothing.” *Psalm 23:1b (NIV)*

“...my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

3. The shepherd offers _____!

“He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.” *Psalm 23:2 (NIV)*

“...do not worry about your life...eat or drink...your body, what you will wear...Seek first His [God’s] kingdom...all these things will be given to you as well.” *Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)*

BIG IDEA:

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