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GRACE NOTES RADIO PROGRAM

SERIES: Psalm 23

TITLE: Surely Goodness and mercy shall follow me

SONGS: Each One Reach One

Isn't the Love

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. Our host, Barbara Sandbek has been taking us through the 23rd Psalm. King David's experiences as a shepherd, have served to show us the goodness and faithfulness of God, our Great Shepherd. God enriched David with many benefits - giving him everything he needed. He fed him in green pastures, led him by refreshing waters, restored him and led him in the paths of righteousness. God strengthened him in times of great dangers - even the danger of death, and preserved him, despite his enemies. And God does the same thing for all the sheep in His fold today – those who believe in Christ.

After meditating on God's faithfulness, David was persuaded that God would continue His favor toward him, so he wrote...

" Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Let's listen in now as Barbara dissects this phrase for us.

When great princes go abroad they must not go unattended, so it is with us. As Believers in Christ, we're children of God, the King Eternal, and He has a great purpose for us. We're called to spread His message abroad. God attends us wherever we are, with His goodness and mercy which follow us "ALL the days of our life"- the good days as well as the 'not so good' ones. Romans 8:28 reassures us of this...

...we know that ALL things work together for GOOD to them that love God; to them that are the called according to His purpose.

I've come to understand the truth of that verse initially through retrospect, but now by faith. I bet King David learned the surety of his statement the same way...

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

The word 'surely' denotes that it is an undisputable statement – there's a heavenly seal set upon it. The word 'follow' in this text means pursuing or hunting down something. When I read this description, I pictured the Lord

running after me to bless me and do me good. It may seem silly but, honestly, sometimes I get so busy doing MY thing, He can't get a blessing in edgewise. Can you identify?

The good in our lives comes only from God. James 1:17 says...

EVERY GOOD and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

God first revealed His goodness through creation. Genesis 1:31 says ...

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

God's character, His will and His word are good. And the way God treats us is good. Psalm 145:9 says...

The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

The gifts God gives us are good because GOD is GOOD. Psalm 136:1 says...

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is GOOD...His mercy endures forever.

God's goodness supplies our needs, and His mercy, or love, continually blots out our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. 1 John 4:8b says...God is love. He didn't sacrifice His Son, Jesus because we deserved it, rather because He loves us. Romans 5:6-8 says...

...at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possible dare to die, but God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I can't imagine dying for someone who spit on me or cursed me? But that's what makes the love of Jesus so wonderful!

******* WRITER: John W. Peterson**

***** ISN'T THE LOVE *** LENGTH: 4:44**

Verse 1

***There will never be a sweeter story
Story of the Savior's love divine
Love that bro't Him from the realms of glory
Just to save a sinful soul like mine***

Chorus 1

***Isn't the love of Jesus
Something wonderful
Wonderful wonderful
O isn't the love of Jesus
Something wonderful
Wonderful it is to me***

Verse 2

***Boundless as the universe around me
Reaching to the farthest soul away
Saving keeping love it was that found me
That is why my heart can truly say***

Verse 3

***Love beyond our human comprehending
Love of God in Christ how can it be
This will be my theme and never ending
Great redeeming love of Calvary***

In and of ourselves, we have no goodness acceptable in God's sight, but we can receive and become channels, of the goodness and love of God. When we respond positively to His grace, love, and gifts, then what we become and do may be described as good.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says...

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the GIFT of God - not by works so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We need to be a shadow for someone else to walk in - a Shepherd SHADOW spreading goodness and mercy to those who follow us.

Galatians 6:10a says...

...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...

The greatest good God ever gave us is Jesus. The greatest good we can give others is the truth of the gospel – the good news that Jesus died and rose again to save us from our sins.

So let's go abroad as the King's kids we are and do what we're called to do - spread this glorious message of God's goodness and love to all!

******* WRITER: Babbie Y. Mason**

***** EACH ONE REACH ONE *** LENGTH: 4:19**

***Tonight a man is somewhere proclaiming the good news
Winning families to Jesus all around his neighborhood
He tells them that God is able to make their house a home
He wants to win his world for Christ, but he can't do it alone
But each one can reach one
As we follow after Christ we all can lead one
We can lead one to the Savior
And together we can tell the world that Jesus is the way
If we each one reach one
The message is unchanging, go ye into all the world
And share the love of Jesus far away or door to door
You see, just like somebody told you that Jesus loves you so
You must tell someone, who will tell someone
Until the whole world knows
That each one can reach one
As we follow after Christ we all can lead one
We can lead one to the Savior
And together we can tell the world that Jesus is the way
If we each one reach one
So will you go and labor
Will you hold high your light
One by one and two by two
We can win our world for Jesus Christ
And each one can reach one***

*As we follow after Christ we all can lead one
We can lead one to the Savior
And together we can tell the world that Jesus is the way
If we each one reach one*

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