



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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WHAT WILL MATTER

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.

So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant. So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you brought but what you built, not what you got but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.

Michael Josephson

PSALM 23

Of the 150 Psalms, the 23rd is likely the best known and often quoted at various occasions. What comfort it has brought to tens of thousands at challenging times in their lives. From my files, I came across the following; I regret that the author is unknown to me. Consider this beautiful overview.

The Lord is my Shepherd –

That's **RELATIONSHIP!**

I shall not want –

That's **SUPPLY!**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures –

That's **REST!**

He leadeth me beside the still waters –

That's **REFRESHMENT!**

He restoreth my soul –

That's **HEALING!**

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness –

That's **GUIDANCE!**

For His name sake -

That's **PURPOSE!**

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death -

That's **TESTING!**

I will fear no evil –

That's **PROTECTION!**

For Thou art with me –

That's **FAITHFULNESS!**

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me –

That's **DISCIPLINE!**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies –

That's **HOPE!**

Thou anointest my head with oil –

That's **CONSECRATION!**

My cup runneth over

That's **ABUNDANCE!**

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

That's **BLESSING!**

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord –

That's **SECURITY!**

Forever –

That's **ETERNITY!**

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