



Reflections from Pastor Brooke for May 1, 2020

Psalm 23 in the time of pandemic

God, I know you are still out there in the midst of this; with me and those I care about.

But my “want” list has become pretty big - and in some ways pretty small - during this time.

I want to sit across from a friend at a restaurant and have dinner — and then give him a hug before we leave.

I want to stand in the pulpit at Church of the Redeemer and proclaim your Good News.

I want to offer a prayer — in person — to someone going through a difficult time.

But even in the midst of this, you guide me on how to be a faithful follower of yours.

There have been some dark days; days that had me questioning how much longer I could do this.

Days that brought tears and frustration and feelings of not being “good enough,” but I know that is not your voice that is saying those things.

And after those dark days, I would sleep and awaken the next day with new opportunities providing me comfort.

Even in the midst of living through this dangerous pandemic, I have plenty; plenty of love, plenty of food, plenty of support, plenty of grace.

I know that plenty comes from you and you are with me today and will be with me all the days of my life.

This pandemic has caused the whole world to slow down and it has served as a reminder that I need you always; and so I will keep on spending time with you, even when we are able to gather together again.

Blessings,

Pastor Brooke