

Living An Anointed Life, Pt. 1
Series: God Is Good All the Time
Psalm 23:5b; Next Steps Devotional Guide
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1. Do you ever feel that if you are having a good day, you win, but if you are having a bad day, God wins?
2. Read Psalm 23:5a from your sermon notes. What have you normally thought this meant?
3. In Scripture, there are two types of anointing we learned. First, there is an anointing by God which is internal. This is where God gives you supernaturally an insight or an ability or stamina or authority or protection and many other possible things that you do not have. God does this in order to do a job through you because He has chosen you to do it. What is it that you believe God has anointed you to do that requires God supernaturally intervening in your life for you to do it?
4. In Scripture, there are two types of anointing we learned. Second, there is an anointing by people which is external. This is when someone (not always) applies some oil to your skin, like on the top of your hand or on your forehead, as an outside sign of what God is doing inside you. Has anyone ever done this to you? Why did they do it and what has been your response since? If no one ever has, why?
5. We saw that one external symbol of an internal working (anointing) of God in your life is The Lord's Supper or Communion. Read Luke 22:19-20 under point #2-a under the heading, "*Two External Examples of an Internal Working of God in Your life.*" How do you see this as this? Explain and what has been the impact on your life each time you take The Lord's Supper or Communion?
6. We saw that a second external symbol of an internal working (anointing) of God in your life is baptism. Read Romans 6:3-4 under point #2-b under the heading, "*Two External Examples of an Internal Working of God in Your life.*" How do you see this as this? Explain and what has been the impact on your baptism on your life?
7. Wearing a wedding ring does not make you married. So, if you are married, why should you wear one?
8. Read Matthew 27:51 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, "*In Scripture, There Are Two Types of Anointing.*" Before Jesus, only a priest could anoint and only priests, prophets and kings got anointed. What is the significance of what Matthew 27:51 tells you and how does it relate to anointing?
9. Read 1 Peter 2:5, 9 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, "*In Scripture, There Are Two Types of Anointing.*" Have you ever considered yourself called by God to be a priest? If so, how has this impacted your life? If no, why?
10. We learned the reasons a shepherd anoints his sheep. It is to protect them from the irritation of flies and other insects and to help in their healing if they injure themselves from the irritation of flies and other pests.
 - a. Question: What irritates you today? Right now? What has dug itself into you emotionally, or spiritually or relationally or psychologically and is irritating you?
 - b. Question: Where do you need "healing" from your Good Shepherd when you handled life and God's call in your life on your own?
11. Read 2 Timothy 2:9 from your sermon notes as well as the explanation of the New Testament Greek word [καλέω; kaleō] translated as "calling" under point #2 under the heading, "*In Scripture, There Are Two Types of Anointing.*" What would you say is the proof of God's call on and in your life?
12. Read Ephesians 2:10 under point #2 under the heading, "*In Scripture, There Are Two Types of Anointing.*" God's call on your life is not about you building your kingdom or your career for you. It is about you taking your spiritual S.H.A.P.E. and using it in both your career and in a ministry that builds God's kingdom. In what ways are you using God's call on your life and your spiritual S.H.A.P.E. to build God's kingdom in your career and ministry? And if you are not involved in a ministry, why?
13. You learned the 3 of the first 6 truths about God's anointing on your life. The first truth was: when God calls me, He anoints me. Meaning — God's anointing comes with God's appointing. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:24 and Acts

1:8 from your sermon notes under point #1 under the heading, *"Truths About God's Anointing."* How does 1 Thessalonians 5:24 and Acts 1:8 impact your life with this truth?

14. The second truth you learned about God's anointing is: God's anointing makes me godlier. Read 1 Samuel 10:1 and 1 Samuel 10:6-7 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, *"Truths About God's Anointing."* What are the visible changes you and others can see from God's anointing in your life?
15. You learned 3 major ways God's anointing will change you.
 - a. You're going to be more competent in accepting what God has anointed and called you to do as King Saul was in the 1 Samuel 10 passages you read in question #14. Where have you and others sees this in your life? If you and no one has, why?
 - b. You're going to be more confident in doing what God has anointed and called you to do just as King Saul was in the 1 Samuel 10 passages you read in question #14. Where have you and others sees this in your life? If you and no one has, why?
 - c. You're going to be more calm in working through what God has anointed and called you to do just as King Saul was in the 1 Samuel 10 passages you read in question #14. Where have you and others sees this in your life? If you and no one has, why?
16. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, *Truths About God's Anointing.* What are the major changes in your past do you see in your life based on 2 Corinthians 5:17 and what are the present changes you are making in your life based on 2 Corinthians 5:17?
17. Read Romans 8:29 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, *"Truths About God's Anointing."* How does God knowing before He even created the world the impact of His anointing on your life would destine you to be changed and molded into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ?
18. The third truth you learned about God's anointing is: God's anointing makes challenging tasks easier to do. Read Ephesians 3:16 from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *"Truths About God's Anointing."* Where in your life have you seen this truth fulfilled?
19. Go back and reflect on a period in your life where you relied upon your own strength, abilities, talents, skills, intellect, education and experiences to do something for God. We learned that when we do this, the result is we get fatigued, frustrated, fearful and fail. List some experiences where this happened to you and what did you learn from them?
20. Read Philippians 2:13 and Philippians 4:13 from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *"Truths About God's Anointing."* The point of these 2 passages is to remind us we can do any and everything with the help of Christ's strength. Be honest with the following statement. What is it that you typically or regularly or habitually would state as the fill-in for this statement when you do not rely upon Christ's strength? — "I can do everything with the help of my _____."
21. You learned that no one person can meet all your emotional, physical, spiritual and psychological needs. Only God can do that. Why do you think we tend to think one person can and what have been the result when you thought this?
22. Do you believe God has anointed you? If so, where? If no, why? What is it you believe God has called you and anointed you to do in your career (being a stay home mother or parent or grandparent is a career and calling) and in your ministry?