

SINGLE ALLIANCE

"HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN"

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I. Introduction

A. Last week we finished up our series on Faith Facts

B. I was going to minister on road blocks to faith but the Lord directed me in another direction this morning, but it still has a lot to do with faith

C. Text: Psalm 23:1-2

D. He makes me lay down. This speaks of the inclination of the sheep not to lie down or rest. Before the shepherd can minister to us He must first make us lie down and rest.

II. Lay down!

A. Ezekiel 34:15

B. Mark 6:31-40- This was the fulfillment of Psalm 23!

C. We must see that these people had been with Jesus listening to him for the entire day and were tired and hungry. Remember they had not read in the Bible what was about to happen.

D. He had them get into groups of fifty and hundred. It says he commanded them to sit down and then lean back. Have you ever tried to get 50-100 people to do the same thing, and especially something they do not

understand why they are doing it! Jesus commanded them!

F. It was not until they obeyed and trusted Jesus and sat and laid back did the miracle take place of the loaves and fishes.

G. God is commanding many this day to sit down and lay back because your miracle is ready to be served to you. God must get you into the proper position for you to receive His provision.

H. God is asking of some of you to do things you have no understanding why you are supposed to do it. Just do it! You are getting into position!

H. Too many of us are trying to help Jesus. We are telling him how to meet your need. Many are leaving the place he told you to sit and you have left to get your own needs met without him.

I. They were in a desert place. Many of you are in a desert right now and cannot see how God can provide for you out here in no where. You do not know how God can bless you in the job you are in, or where you are living, or being single. You are thinking about bolting and looking for greener pastures. Stay put and lay down, your miracle is on the way.

1. There is a difference between sensing you need to go somewhere else and learning to stick it out when the heat gets turned up. One is inward directed and the other one comes from circumstances not being to your liking.

K. Often God leads us to places that are outwardly a desert place. This is to put you in a place of trust.

L. Many will run the first sign of drought or if things do not go well in search of better ground and they miss what the Lord is about to do. They will jump from job to job, or from church to church, or from relationship to relationship.

M. Before Jesus provided the miracle, he taught them many things. God teaches first and then provides. Many are cutting class! No instruction, no miracle!

N. When can I leave where I am? When He is finished teaching and instructing you! You can leave when you learn to lay down in obedience. Many leave God's place of instruction and get themselves in a worse position and must be restored.

O. Some of you just need to lay down on the inside. You are nervous and restless on the inside. You are always worried about something. Some are worried about if they are in faith or not! Just sit down and rest!

P. The only way you will be able to lie down in trust is to make yourself sit down with your Bible, a piece of paper and pen, and spend quiet time with God. Pray and listen! Then obey!

O. Pray for those who are in a desert and want to be in the position for a miracle.