



Change that Channel

Lesson One

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. I SHALL NOT BE IN WANT.... HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET WATERS." -PSALM 23:1,3

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART; DO NOT DEPEND ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. SEEK HIS WILL IN ALL YOU DO, AND HE WILL SHOW YOU WHICH PATH TO TAKE."

-PROVERBS 3:5-6(NLT)

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WANTING

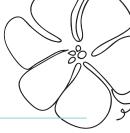


Welcome to *Love is ALL You Need* where we will learn to **change the channel** from our way of thinking to God's way of thinking. Getting stuck on our own channel is super easy, but it never allows for us to see all the amazing stations God has for us! Today's lesson finds us stuck on the channel of **WANTING.** To want something means that you are without something. If we get stuck on this channel, we can become obsessed with demanding what we want, when we want, and how we want it! WARNING: If you stay on this channel too long, you might be watching life all by yourself. Open up your Bibles to **Luke 9:10-17**. Let's read together and find out what the disciples **wanted** when Jesus changed their channel.

LIVE from the AUDIENCE!

- 1. Pretend you are a news reporter, and you are doing a story on this miracle. How would you briefly describe the scene?
- 2. What did the disciples WANT Jesus to do with the people? Why? (Luke 9:12)
- 3. Instead of giving the disciples what they wanted, how did Jesus **change the channel**?

4. Sometimes we don't get something we want because it might benefit someone else. How were the people's needs met because the disciples didn't get what they wanted? What lesson can this teach us about being **content** or satisfied with what God gives us?





5. Psalm 23:1,3 tells us that when we trust the Lord as our Shepherd, we don't have to "be in want." What do you think this means? How is this trusting God with "all your heart and not leaning on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5-6)?



GOD'S Channel CONTENTMENT

ANCHOR'S News Brief

Have you ever considered that maybe you didn't get what you wanted because God *wanted* to bless someone else? Wow. Now that's a channel changer. Jesus fed over 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish—with leftovers. John 6:10 tells us that when the people sat down to listen to Jesus, they were fed as much as they WANTED.



HEBREWS 13:5 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10 LUKE 12:22-34 JOHN 10:3-5/

Contentment means we are completely satisfied. Contentment means we can trust God to provide for all of our needs. The problem with wanting more is that possessions will not last. The Bible says we need to "BE SATISFIED AND CONTENT WITH ALL WE HAVE FOR GOD HAS SAID, 'I WILL NEVER FAIL YOU...'" (HEBREWS 13:5). Jesus is often described as the Good Shepherd who takes care of His sheep. John 10:3 tells us that shepherds know their sheep by name. Jesus knows our name, too, and will always provide for our needs. He will never fail us or leave us. He might not give us everything we want, but He will give us everything we need. It's a promise.

It's a WRAP!

Lord, Thank You for being my Good Shepherd. Because of Your love for me, I will always have ALL that I need. Help me to change the channel from *wanting* to *contentment*. Earthly possessions and desires only satisfy for a limited time. Help me to be content with Your channels that last forever. Lead me today, Lord. Your **Love is ALL I need.** Amen.

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"HE TENDS HIS FLOCK LIKE A SHEPHERD: HE GATHERS THE LAMBS IN HIS ARMS AND CARRIES THEM CLOSE TO HIS HEART..."



