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Living in the Goodness of God

How to live in the goodness of God God will turn tragic illness into something good. Churches now are lapsing into negativity. Struggle with fear and negativity. Emergency room fainted, didn't wake up for months. Viral pneumonia. Coma for months gangrene, Many amputations finally took both legs woke up what would your reaction be? He saw he had no legs. I'm only half the man I used to be. Prosthetic legs, run walk skip, his joy has gotten him into trouble. Ride a roller coaster "Invertigo" extreme roller coaster.

Live in the daily goodness of God.

Told the story of his friend Dan at Six Flags Santa Cruz, CA His belief in the goodness of God put to severe test. Asked where did you get your joy? My whole life is an example of Romans 8:38. Works for the GOOD of those who love him. Now Dan has a ministry of providing wheelchairs to people all over the world. My life situation opens doors God has changed my life 200 times for the better.

Every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. James 1:17

Every day we get 128 texts = distractions
5,000 ads = dissatisfaction
bad news = depression.

Dr. Graham Davey said Media exposure can exacerbate or contribute to the development of stress, anxiety, depression and even PTSD
Cure is mindfulness living in the here and now. God's goodness.

When I forget God's goodness

I stop asking God for help.
When I forget God's goodness to me.
I lose a sense of wonder I
I become pessimistic about the future.

Ps 27:13-14 I would have despaired unless I had believed that I'd see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Instead I thought, Wait for the Lord, Be strong and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the Lord.

Hope is anticipating God's goodness

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Psalm 23

Psalm 23 is the antidote to bad ideas about God. De=stress us.

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

Sheep are Dirty Dumb Defenseless

Shepherds nurture, Guide Protect

Though I walk through the darkest valley I will not be afraid for you are with me,
Your rod and your staff they comfort me.

The LORD is my shepherd relate to Hebrew verb to be, I am The One who is.
Not contingent on anything.

Jesus said, My purpose is to give you life in all its fullness. I am the good
shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:10-11

Video of shepherd looking for a lone sheep. Finds him. Leads him back to the
flock.

Who can better care for us than our God.