

I'LL Do It My Way (Psalm 23:1)

Introduction: The stubborn Frenchman Van de Velde at the British Open, "doing it his way"...

- I. WE STUBBORN, SINFUL, PRIDEFUL PEOPLE WANT TO DO THINGS "OUR WAY"
 - A. This is exactly how we stubborn sheep are described in the first half verse of Isaiah 53:6
 - B. What is the nature of sheep?
 - 1. Sheep are dumb
 - 2. Sheep are defenseless
 - 3. Sheep are dirty
 - 4. What's up, David... couldn't you call us something besides "sheep"???
- II. YET DAVID TELLS US IN THE 23RD PSALM THAT WE SHEEP HAVE A WONDERFUL SHEPHERD
 - A. In this Psalm we are told clearly & tenderly all that the shepherd does for us
 - B. We can rejoice with David that we sheep have such a great shepherd
 - C. We can joyfully let go of the myth of our own "self-reliance" and the dead ends of "doing it my way" and we can do it GOD'S WAY
- III. WHAT IS GOD'S WAY?
 - A. He shows us again in Isaiah 53:6.... the entire verse
 - B. God's way is for the Shepherd to lay down His life for the sheep (John 10:11 & 18)
 - C. God's way is to give us His comfort & guidance each & every day of our lives

Conclusion:

Golfer Van de Velde's final words – "Next time I will <u>not</u> do it my way!"