

## SERMON NOTES

January 15, 2017

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#### WHAT CAN I LIVE WITHOUT

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③ **No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalm 16:8** *I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*

④ **Make a \_\_\_\_\_ with your eyes**

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#### VISION

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**Psalms 112:5** *Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.*

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