



Life Guide

Applying God's Word to Life

The LORD is my Shepherd

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(Psalm 23)

A psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1. When you think of a shepherd what images come to mind?
Do you think you'd make a good shepherd?
2. What is significant about the name "the LORD"? Why is it so comforting that he is "my shepherd"?
3. Describe how your personal spiritual feeding habits have impacted you at different points in your life?
4. Can you share one time in your life where you felt like you were walking through a dark valley? How might your understanding of this psalm change the way you view those valleys in the future?
5. Agree or Disagree: David placed the phrase "for you are with me" at the center of this psalm on purpose.
6. What did Jesus do to fulfill the promises made in this psalm?
7. Do you find the picture of Jesus as Lamb or Shepherd more comforting? Why?