

## A PSALM ABOUT GOD'S GOODNESS (PSALM 23)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Sheep

Shepherd

### NEXT WEEK: WHEN I'M RESTLESS AND STRESSED

He makes me rest in green meadows;  
he leads me beside peaceful streams;  
he renews my strength.

### IN 2 WEEKS: WHEN I'M CONFUSED AND NEED GUIDANCE

He guides me along right paths,  
bringing honor to his name.

### IN 3 WEEKS: WHEN I'M IN A DARK VALLEY

Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley  
I will not be afraid,  
for you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a feast for me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and mercy will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the Lord  
forever.

### KEY CONCEPT: \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."  
John 10:10b-11 NIV

### RESOURCES USED IN DEVELOPING THIS MESSAGE

- Phillip Keller, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* (World Wide, 1970)
- Max Lucado, *Traveling Light: The Promise of Psalm 23* (Thomas Nelson, 2001)
- Rick Warren, "Is God Really Good All the Time?" (Sermon, 1/29/17)



## WHEN I'M DISTRACTED & STRESSED

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### WHEN I FORGET GOD'S GOODNESS TO ME...

#### 1. I lose \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### 2. I start \_\_\_\_\_

What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great, and as though you accomplished it all on your own? 1 Corinthians 4:7 LB

#### 3. I stop \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: "If you, as imperfect parents, know how to give **good gifts** to your own children, how much more will your heavenly Father give **good gifts to those who ask him?**" Luke 11:13 NLT

#### 4. I become \_\_\_\_\_

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!" Psalm 27:13-14 NAS

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