A close-up photograph of a hand holding a weathered wooden staff. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the fingers wrapped around the staff. The staff is made of a single piece of wood with a natural, aged texture. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray. The overall composition is simple and evocative, representing the role of a shepherd.

the Lord is my
SHEPHERD

PSALM 23





**WE WILL NOT FEAR,
THOUGH THE EARTH
GIVE WAY AND THE
MOUNTAINS FALL**

PSALM 46:2

PSALM 23



Psalm 78

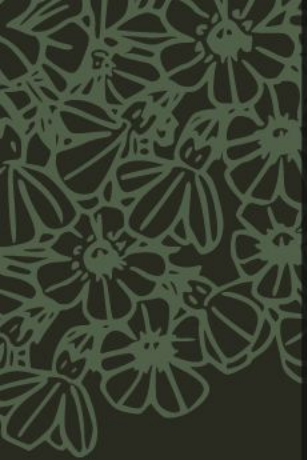
70 He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; 71 from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. 72 And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skilful hands he led them.



One day as David was watching his sheep, the idea came to him that God was like a shepherd. He thought of the incessant care that sheep required – their helplessness and defenselessness. He recalled their foolish straying from safe paths and their constant need for a guide. He thought of the time and patience it took for them to trust him before they would follow. He remembered the times when he led them through danger and they huddled close at his heels. He pondered the fact that he must think for his sheep, fight for them, guard them, and find their pasture and quiet pools. He remembered their bruises and scratches that he bound up, and he marveled at how frequently he had to rescue them from harm. Yet not one of his sheep was aware of how well it was watched. Yes, he mused, God is very much like a good shepherd.

(David Roper, "The Lord Is My Shepherd - Rest & Renewal From Psalm 23")





THE LORD IS
MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL
NOT WANT.
PSALM 23:1



DEUTERONOMY 2

7 ... He has watched over your journey through this vast wilderness . These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything.

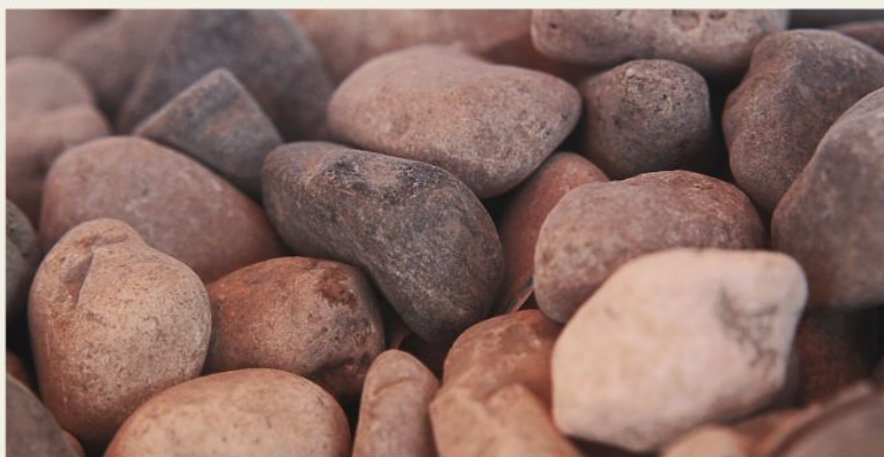


Psalm 23:2





GREEN PASTURES




GREEN PASTURES



PSALM 23:2



HE LEADS ME BESIDE
STILL WATERS
HE RESTORES MY SOUL

A watercolor illustration of a landscape. The top part shows green and blue mountains against a light sky. Below the mountains is a yellowish field, and the bottom part is a reddish-pink field. The text is written in a cursive font over the landscape.

He
restores
my
soul

PSALM 23:3

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God Himself is our 'true pasture' (Jeremiah 50:7) and our pool of quiet water. He is our true nourishment, our living water, if we do not take Him in, we will starve. There is a hunger in the human heart, which nothing but God can satisfy. There is a thirst that no one but He can quench. "Do not work for food that spoils," Jesus said, "but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you ... I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty (John 6:27, 35).





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Never be afraid to trust an
unknown future to a known God.

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He has a shepherd's heart, beating with pure and generous love that counted not His life-blood too dear a price to pay down as our ransom.

He has a shepherd's eye that takes in the whole flock, and misses not even the poor sheep wandering away on the mountains cold.

He has a shepherd's faithfulness, which will never forsake, nor leave us comfortless, nor flee when He sees the wolf coming.



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He has a shepherd's strength, so that He is well able to deliver us from the jaw of the lion or the paw of the bear.

He has a shepherd's tenderness, no lamb so tiny that He will not carry it, no saint so weak, that He will not gently lead, no soul so faint that He will not give it rest.

