

The Secret to Having Enough

Series: *“The Life You’ve Always Wanted”*

Message #1: Psalm 23:1-2

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Psalm 23 (ESV) – A *PSALM OF DAVID.*

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

*He leads me in paths of
righteousness for His name's
sake.*

*⁴Even 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 mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of
the LORD forever.***

**1. You need to have
the right shepherd.**

Psalm 23:1 - *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

Isaiah 40:11 - He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.

1 Peter 1:18–19 (CSB) - *For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb.*

John 10:11 (CSB) - *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

2. You need to learn to relax.

**Psalm 23:2a - *He makes me lie down
in green pastures.***

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- 1. Easily frightened by predators.**

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Psalm 4:8 - I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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Ezekiel 34:20-22 - *Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: “See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²² I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another.”*

Proverbs 29:25 - *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.*

3 Characteristics of Sheep:

- 1. Easily frightened by predators.**
- 2. Easily intimidated by bullies.**
- 3. Easily irritated by pests.**

3. You need a drink.

**Psalm 23: 2b - *He leads me beside
still waters.***

Matthew 5:6 - *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

John 4:10-14 - *“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.”*

Jeremiah 2:13 - “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”