The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Yea, 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. Psalm 23

"I have been taking care of my father's sheep. When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock I go after it with a club and take the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death." 1 Sam. 17:34-35

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. John 10:11-13

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

IF YOU WONDER IF GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THE ANSWER IS "YES".
THE QUESTION IS DO YOU RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE?

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.

## WE DON'T HAVE A SHEPHERD THAT DRIVES US INTO THE GROUND, BUT MAKES US LAY DOWN.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LIFE THAT GOD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH NOW BY ALWAYS FOCUSING ON WHAT IS NEXT.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Psalm 23:3

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

WHEN GOD ISN'T TAKING US IN THE DIRECTION WE WANT TO GO IT MEANS THAT GOD SEES A BETTER PATH TO GET US TO WHERE WE NEED TO BE.

Yea, 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. Psalm 23.4

YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE VALLEY BEFORE YOU CAN REACH THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

THE MORE VALLEYS YOU WALK THROUGH THE MORE YOU REALIZE THAT GOD IS NEVER GOING TO LEAVE YOU ON YOUR OWN.

I fear no evil; for You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

IN THE VALLEY YOU STOP TALKING ABOUT GOD AND YOU START TALKING TO GOD.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Psalm 23:5

## WHEN GOD DOESN'T GIVE US WHAT WE WANT HE IS PROTECTING US FROM OURSELVES.

"My cup runs over."

## GOD BLESSES YOU TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2

Corinthians 9:7