

Devotion Info

Peace in the Shepherd's Presence

DAY 1 Read Psalm 23:1, John 10:11

[1] The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
Psalm 23:1 NLT

[11] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.
John 10:11 NLT

- What comes to mind when you think of a shepherd? How does this metaphor impact the way you understand God?
- Jesus says the good shepherd "lays down his life for the sheep." What does this statement reveal about the depth of Jesus' love for His followers?

DAY 2 Read Psalm 23:2

[2] He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.
Ephesians 6:11-13 NLT

- What do "green pastures" and "peaceful streams" (or "quiet waters") represent in this verse?
- How do these images evoke peace and rest?

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DAY 3 Read Matthew 6:31-33

[31] "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' [32] These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. [33] Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
Matthew 6:31-33 NLT

- In Matthew 6:31-32, Jesus tells us not to worry about our needs because our Heavenly Father knows what we need. How does trusting in God's provision change the way we approach life's challenges and our daily worries?
- Jesus says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you" (verse 33). What does it mean to "seek first His kingdom"? How do you prioritize God's kingdom over worldly concerns in your life?

DAY 4 Read Psalm 23:3

[3] He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.
Psalm 23:3 NLT

- What is the connection between spiritual refreshment and guidance in this verse?

DAY 5 Read Matthew 11:28-29

[28] Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Matthew 11:28-29 NLT

- Jesus invites the weary and burdened to come to Him for rest. What do you think it means to be "weary and burdened"?
- What kinds of burdens do you think people today are carrying?
- How does the invitation of Jesus offer a different kind of rest than what the world offers?

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