

# You Are With Me

Psalm 23





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.

Isaiah 40:11 (NIV)



# Psalm 23

1. How can I know the Lord is my Shepherd?
2. How does my Shepherd care for me?



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

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23 (ESV)



4 Even 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 (ESV)



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.

Psalm 23 (ESV)



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1. How can I know the Lord is my Shepherd?

Verse 1 – “The Lord is my shepherd”



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd  
lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11 (ESV)



All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)



I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28 (ESV)



# How does the Shepherd care for me?

He provides for me

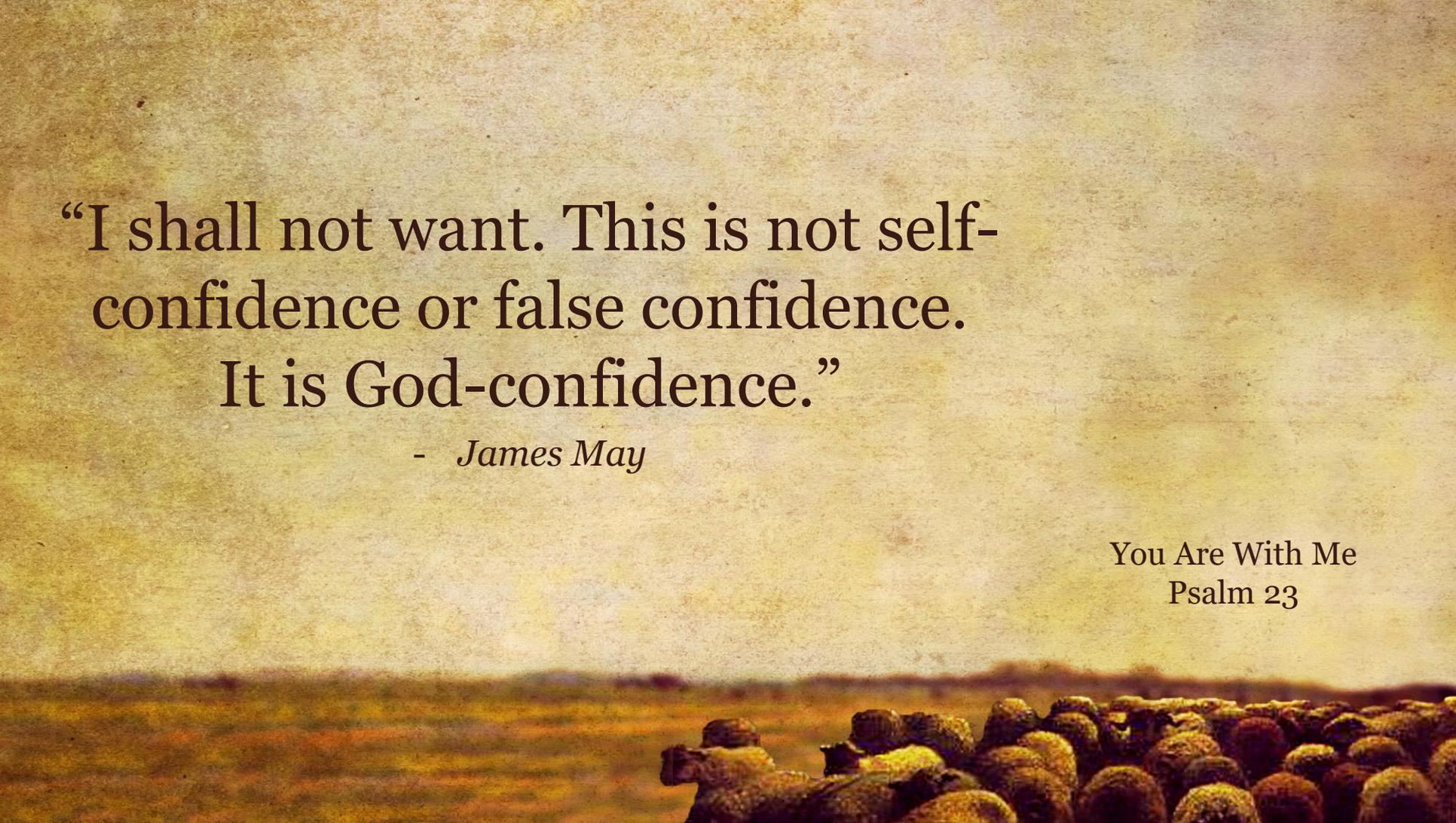
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Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)



A flock of sheep is gathered in a field, with a hazy, golden sky in the background. The sheep are in the foreground, and the field extends to the horizon. The overall tone is warm and serene.

“I shall not want. This is not self-  
confidence or false confidence.  
It is God-confidence.”

- *James May*

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# How does the Shepherd care for me?

He provides for me

He gives me rest

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.



“Our Shepherd steps into our situation and forces us to rest.

Your ‘green pasture’ may actually be a white-sheeted hospital bed.”

*Haddon Robinson*

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# How does the Shepherd care for me?

He provides for me

He gives me rest

He restores my soul



A man's spirit will endure sickness, but a  
crushed spirit who can bear?

Proverbs 18:14 (ESV)



The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

Psalm 19:7 (ESV)



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5 You prepare a table before me in the presence  
of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;  
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“It is not a secret feast, but enjoyed in the presence of my enemies, because when he satisfies the soul, it cannot be hidden from the world.”

*John Stott*

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He fills my cup to overflowing

**He blesses me**





**"Good morning, Pooh Bear, if it is a  
good morning, which I doubt."**

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“Paul declares in Romans 8:28, ‘All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.’

Does that mean that cancer is good and we should be happy about it? Of course not. Does it mean that death is good? No, death is an enemy. It means that God works through all things so that together they mold us into the people He wants us to be.”

*Haddon Robinson*



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He blesses me

**He never leaves me**

“...and I shall dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever.”



Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14:1-3 (ESV)



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# Application Questions

1. Have you heard His voice and followed Him?
2. Are you trusting Him day by day? Or have you looked to other things to satisfy?
3. Are you reading His Word to restore your soul?

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