

He Leads Me (Ps. 23:2-3)

“He makes me lie down”

- The harsh climate and arid landscape of Israel meant that shepherds had to move their sheep to find provisions in a seasonally aware way
 - The shepherd had to know where green grass for food could be found at different times
 - He needed to know where and when the wadis would be filled
- David states the Shepherd makes the sheep lie down
 - Once food was found, the shepherd at times needed to force them to stay
 - They would be prone to wander

“He restores my soul”

- When we follow the LORD, He provides what we need
 - Food & water
 - Rest = “waters of rest”
 - Rest/Sabbath is a declaration of our trust in the LORD’s provision
 - This kind of rest leads to our restoration

“He leads me”

- “Paths of righteousness”
 - God’s leading results in us living out what is right/correct
 - Literally, walking the right path
- “For His name’s sake”
 - Our right living brings glory to God
 - It is showing the world that He is worth following

So What?

- Following the LORD as the Good Shepherd is relational
 - Are we listening to Him?
 - Are we resting in Him?
 - Are living for Him?

Meditation Verse: John 7:38