

A Psalm of David.

23 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. **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. **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

This is the word of The Lord, **amen**.

A theme song -

Designed to be committed to memory,
so that it can be recognized in any
setting.

The **LORD** is my shepherd....

- The uncreated one
- A grand demotion

15 I myself will be the **shepherd** of my sheep, and I myself will **make them lie down**, declares the Lord God. **16** I will **seek** the lost, and I will **bring back** the strayed, and I will **bind up** the injured, and I will **strengthen** the weak, and the fat and the strong I will **destroy**. I will **feed** them in justice.

+ Ezekiel 34: 15-16 ESV

Green pastures / Still Waters:

Letting God define your rest.

These are locations which could exist
anywhere

Green pastures / Still Waters:

Letting God define your rest.

There are no *pre-approved* grazing areas.

Green pastures / Still Waters:

Letting God define your rest.

There is assurance in being a sheep
among sheep.

Green pastures / Still Waters:

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Battling **instant gratification**

&

Crippling **nostalgia**

Rest is not *instead* of our
current situation, but **inside** it

Show me your ways!

- Do you know what you're looking for?

“Faith comes from meditation upon Christ.
Turn, then, your eye, not upon faith but upon Jesus. It is not
your hold of Christ that saves you; it is his hold of you.”
{+ C.H. Spurgeon}

Are we truly willing to go where he leads?

Does the 'rest' we grip have its own
conditions?

