

20190916 Psalm23 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing

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1. We can have a personal relationship with Jesus. It is possible to know the Lord but not know Him in intimate fellowship. Sometimes we drift. Sometimes we move away. As a child of God I can have a personal connection with the God who made us. God is **knowable** and He desires to have a **close personal walk** with each of us. Knowing the Lord is what it means to be a believer. Knowing the Lord is important. God CAN BE KNOWN in a personal joyful relationship.

The Lord is my shepherd therefore all my needs are met. I can know Him personally, but He's ready and willing to meet our personal needs. My God will meet all of your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19)

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,

(He gives me real shalom)
he leads me beside quiet waters, (²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. *Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27*
Peace regardless of circumstances)

3 he refreshes my soul. - Remember Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all of your heart.....

***4** Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for **you** are with me;
your rod and **your** staff, (tools or the shepherd)
they comfort me.*

2 Timothy 1:7

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

What metaphor might you use to describe your relationship with God?
David uses that of a sheep because that is what he understood.

2. This speaks to the fact that God is able to calm us down. He gives us true and perfect Shalom.