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## The Shepherd Guides Us

This week Pastor Ken continued his series called *Keeping Your Song in Testing Times*. We are looking together at Psalm 23 and how to keep your calm and your song in the middle of all the pressures of life. So gather with your family or go through these points alone each week and let's grow together.

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness (mercy) will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Psalm 23

1. Just like sheep are limited in what they can see because of their poor eyesight and what they know, so are we as God's sheep. He knows which path leads to greener pastures and there is less stress when God is our guide (read Proverbs 3:5-6).
2. We have to trust that the path the good shepherd has for you is a good one and decide ahead of time that we will follow what He has chosen for us (read Romans 12:1-2 and Psalm 34:8).
3. Take a moment to commit your ways to God and surrender to the path He has for you.
4. We learn to recognize the voice of the shepherd by practicing to listen (read John 10:27).
5. Take some time to sit in quietness and read a portion of Scripture and then just listen. Write down what God speaks to you and make a commitment to follow through with it.

Close in prayer