



Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

The Shepherd's Path

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalms 23:1-6 KJV

He restoreth my soul...

Psalms 23:3a KJV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34:18

...he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake

Psalms 23:3b KJV

Me-Shaped Life OR God-Shaped Life?

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God-Shaped Life

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Main Point #1:

Jesus is the way, not the map.

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

Main Point #2

He helps us walk it.

...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:13

Main Point #3:

He forgives when we wander off.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

Main Point #4:

He walked the path **first**.

...rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:7-8

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Luke 6:46-48