



I Lack Nothing | Psalm 23

1. Can you think of a time in your life when you've struggled to find satisfaction or contentment? Describe your circumstances at the time.
2. Chris said, *'The shepherd of your life' (whoever or whatever that is) determines your soul's satisfaction.'* To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?
3. In just 3 words, David summarises his experience of God: *'I lack nothing.'* Can you think of three words to describe your own experience of God? If that's too tricky without preparation, what metaphor best captures who you have experienced God to be (e.g. shepherd, father, guide, etc.).
4. Discuss David's choice of metaphor. Why, do you think, has it endured for 3000+ years? A shepherd provides, protects, guides and corrects. How, if at all, have you experienced each of these realities from God? Does a shepherd do anything else too?
5. Can you think of a contemporary urban metaphor which could adequately replace the more ancient agrarian metaphor of a shepherd? What do you make of the version of Psalm 23 overleaf which was written by Chat GPT AI software? Could you do better?
6. Explore the significance of the word "my" in "The Lord is my shepherd." What does it imply about our personal relationship with God?
7. How does recognising God as 'my shepherd' influence your response to the challenges, fears, and uncertainties in life? Can you think of a time when such a knowledge has been the difference between sinking or swimming?
8. Are there other biblical passages that reinforce the image of God as a shepherd? Share them and/or look them up. How does understanding this theme in different contexts enhance your comprehension of God's character?
9. Although David refers to God as his personal shepherd, as a shepherd himself, he knew that sheep exist in community, not alone: we have God *and* we have each other. Discuss how the sheep/shepherd metaphor is even greater with this understanding.
10. Spend some time praying for each other that you will be able to hear and know the voice of The Good Shepherd in the various challenges you face in life right now.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?



The Lord is my faithful GPS;
I'll never lose my way.
In the endless maze of life's highways,
I find my guidance every day.

The Lord navigates me through the digital noise
For the sake of purpose and grace.
Even in the darkest of online storms,
I won't fear, for Your signal's embrace.

You provide a Wi-Fi hotspot for me
In the presence of cyber threats.
You encrypt my connections with blessings,
My data plan overflows with no regrets.

Surely kindness and compassion will follow me
All the days of my digital life,
And I will dwell in the network of the Lord
Forever, connected in this strife.

Written by Chat GPT AI (you don't have to like it!)



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

