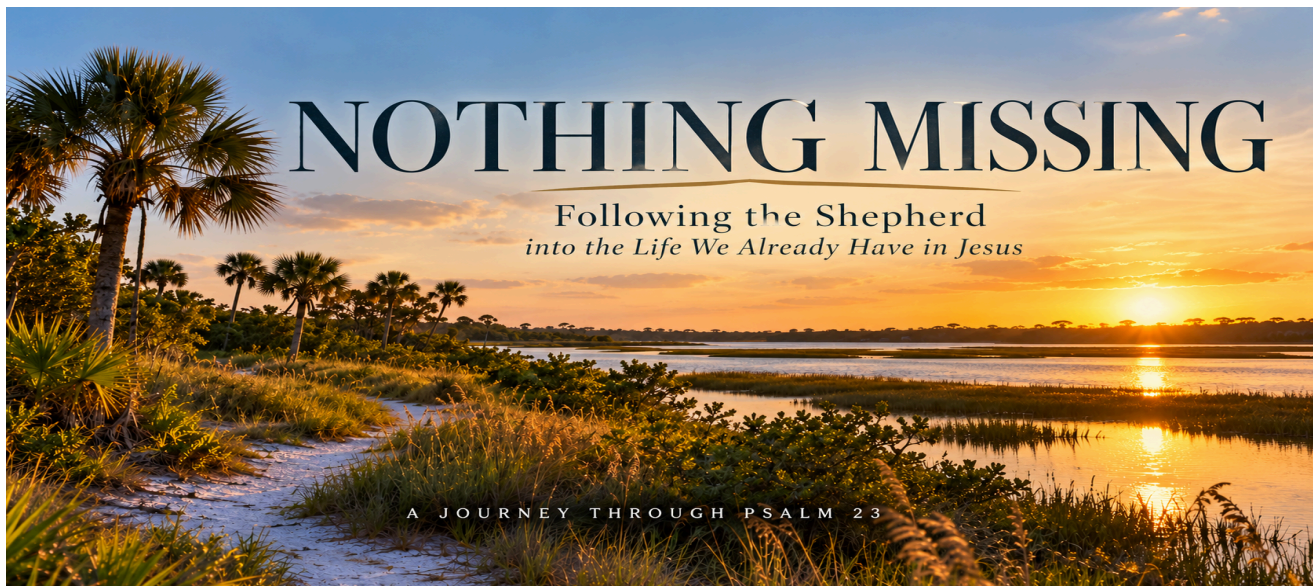




NOTHING MISSING

Following the Shepherd into the Life We Already Have in Jesus

A four-week congregational companion | November 1-22, 2026

OUR INVITATION

Read it. Remember it. Pray it. Live it. Share it. For four weeks, carry Psalm 23 into ordinary life. These practices do not earn the Shepherd's love; they help us notice and respond to the grace already given.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Bring your Bible to worship each week. Use this printed NLT passage for daily reading and memorization. Read the whole psalm aloud each day; add the assigned verses each week. Pray, practice, and share with a trusted person or a group of three to five. Missing a day is not failure—simply begin again.

OUR FOUR MOVEMENTS

Enough (v. 1) • Renewed (vv. 2-3) • With Me (v. 4) • Overflowing (vv. 5-6)

We are not memorizing Psalm 23 simply to know the words. We are learning the words so they can help shape the way we live.

PSALM 23 • NLT

Read the whole psalm daily. Memorize it cumulatively, using the New Living Translation.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.

4 Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

5 You honor me by anointing my head with oil.

5 My cup overflows with blessings.

6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

MEMORIZATION RHYTHM

Week 1: verse 1 | Week 2: verses 2-3 | Week 3: verse 4 | Week 4: verses 5-6

Scripture: Psalm 23, New Living Translation (NLT). Scripture text reproduced from the sermon manuscript supplied for this guide. Confirm applicable NLT publication notice and permissions before public distribution.

NOVEMBER 1 • ENOUGH

Scarcity → Sufficiency

REMEMBER IT • Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

The psalm begins with the identity of the Shepherd, not with our list of needs. YHWH is sovereign, and David willingly surrenders his little kingdom to God's kingdom. Belonging to this good Shepherd changes how we understand what is enough. Need does not get the final word; the Shepherd does.

LIVE IT

At the beginning or end of each day, name a place where you feel you lack something. Bring that concern to Jesus, then name one way you have experienced his care.

PRAY IT

Good Shepherd, I belong to you. Teach me to surrender my claim to control and trust your goodness.

SHARE IT

What would change if I really believed the Shepherd is enough?

WEEKLY CHECK-IN

Where did I notice the Shepherd's care? _____

What next step am I invited to take? _____

One person I will share this with: _____

NOVEMBER 8 • RENEWED

Depletion → New life

REMEMBER IT • Psalm 23:2-3

He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

The Shepherd offers rest and continually renews our strength. His grace is not only comfort in exhaustion; it forms us for a life of faithful following. Renewal begins with his initiative, not our striving.

LIVE IT

Spend five quiet minutes with God. Ask: Where is the Shepherd already bringing new life in me? Notice one sign of grace and take one faithful step.

PRAY IT

Good Shepherd, renew my strength and guide me in your right paths.

SHARE IT

Where do I see signs of God's renewing work, even if the process is unfinished?

WEEKLY CHECK-IN

Where did I notice the Shepherd's care? _____

What next step am I invited to take? _____

One person I will share this with: _____

NOVEMBER 15 · WITH ME

Fear → Trusting presence

REMEMBER IT · Psalm 23:4

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

The Shepherd's right path can lead through a dark valley. Psalm 23 does not deny suffering or demand forced optimism. The promise is God's faithful presence in the middle of what we face.

LIVE IT

When fear rises, pause and slowly pray: You are with me. If appropriate, invite a trusted friend to pray with you about a real concern.

PRAY IT

God who stays near, help me trust your presence when the path is hard.

SHARE IT

What would change if I spoke to God, not only about God, in this season?

WEEKLY CHECK-IN

Where did I notice the Shepherd's care? _____

What next step am I invited to take? _____

One person I will share this with: _____

NOVEMBER 22 · OVERFLOWING

Receiving → Sharing abundance

REMEMBER IT · Psalm 23:5-6

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil.

My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

God prepares a feast even in the presence of enemies. His goodness and unfailing love pursue us. Grace received can overflow into gratitude, hospitality, and generosity toward others.

LIVE IT

Write down three gifts you noticed this week. Share one concrete gift of attention, encouragement, a meal, or practical help.

PRAY IT

Generous Shepherd, open my eyes to your goodness and let your love overflow through me.

SHARE IT

How can I live with open hands because I trust the Shepherd's care?

WEEKLY CHECK-IN

Where did I notice the Shepherd's care? _____

What next step am I invited to take? _____

One person I will share this with: _____