

**PROFILE: I AM The Good Shepherd**  
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**Key Verses of the Day**

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd.*

*And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.*

*I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. John 10:11-16 NLT*

**Key Thought of the Day**

Our Good Shepherd, Jesus, is in control of all things, and He **CARES DEEPLY FOR YOU!**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23 ESV*

**Jesus...**

1. The Good Shepherd is your **PROVIDER.**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1 ESV*

*So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:31-33 NLT*

2. The Good Shepherd wants you to live in **HIS PEACE.**

*He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. Psalm 23:2 ESV*

*Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 1 Samuel 17:33-35 NIV*

What are the **lions** you are facing right now in life?

*The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. John 10:11-12 NLT*

3. The Good Shepherd will **RESTORE AND SECURE** your life forever.

*He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3 ESV*

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. John 10:27-29 NLT*

4. The Good Shepherd is **EVER PRESENT** in your life.

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:4-5 ESV*

#### **DON'T MISS THIS!**

- We **WILL** walk through valleys in life.
- We need **NOT** fear in the valley.
- For God is **ALWAYS** present with us.

*I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me... John 10:14 NLT*

5. The Good Shepherd's **BLESSINGS** for your life will never end.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6 ESV*

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me... John 10:27-28 NLT*

#### **The Challenge**

1. What area of your life could you turn over to the Good Shepherd today?
2. Would you be willing to make Jesus your Good Shepherd?

#### **The Bottom Line**

Allow the Good Shepherd **Complete Control** of your life, and don't worry... you are in good hands.