

Yahweh Roi
The LORD is my Shepherd
Jesus Provides Himself

”To wait! That means to pause and soberly consider our own inadequacy and the Lord’s all-sufficiency and to seek counsel and help from the Lord and to hope in Him.” John Piper

To say the LORD is my shepherd we have to acknowledge we possess the nature of sheep and are in need of a shepherd.

“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.	Provider
He makes me lie down in green pastures,	Comforter
He leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.	Leader
He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.”	Protector

Psalm 23:1-3

I. Shepherds provide:

- A. Comfort
- B. Leadership
Ezekiel 34: God’s Standard
- C. Protection

II. Sheep facts (onekindplanet.org)

- We can’t provide comfort from our own reserves - we will run dry!
- We can’t lead or love well without Jesus leading us.
- We can’t protect ourselves from the enemy w/o the power of Jesus.
- In our inadequacy, Jesus provides his sufficiency!

“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

III. John 10 - Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s standard.
Jesus’ leadership does not leave us to figure it out for ourselves.

Application at home:

1. Bring awareness - Identify the problem.
2. Speak biblical truth and give thanks.
3. Ask questions.

The Lord is my good shepherd. I lack nothing.

Jesus provides and satisfies all I need.

1. What do I feel is lacking?
2. How am I allowing Jesus to fill the void?

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

I will depend on Jesus for my comfort and security.

1. Do I accept his comfort and attending to my fears, frustrations, anxieties?
2. Where do I look for comfort other than Jesus?

He leads me beside quiet waters.

Jesus leads me to places of peace where I can rest.

1. Where do I strive for independence or to be in control?
2. What does Jesus want me to lay down so I can follow him more closely?

He refreshes my soul.

Jesus makes me whole; healing the brokenness and woundings of my heart.

1. Where do I desire healing or refreshment?
2. Which practice of Jesus' leading do I want to invest time into today?

He guides me along the right paths, for his name's sake.

Jesus directs me in His way that is best for me even when I don't understand.

1. What lens am I approaching life through: problem or opportunity?
2. Who can I ask to walk alongside me on this path?

Suggested reading:

“Life without lack: Living in the fullness of Psalm 23” by Dallas Willard

“A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23” by Philip Keller

Songs:

Good Shepherd by Amanda Lindsey Cook

Remember by Steffany Gretzinger