



Psalm 23

I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep. John 10:11



Shepherd • Lamb Relationship

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28



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Principle of Gethsemane

*Jesus is broken
in the Garden,
so that He will
not break
under the
burden of the
Cross.*

Matthew 26:37-39



Principle of Gethsemane

Observe the Consequences

- *Jesus*

Praying

- *Disciples*

Sleeping

*Where were the
outcomes of their
battles
determined?*

Matthew 26:36-46



Principle of Gethsemane

37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:37-39



Principle of Gethsemane

43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow,

Luke 22:43-45



Principle of Gethsemane

45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Matthew 26:45-46



Principle of Gethsemane

Neither Easy nor Automatic

- *I shall not want*
- *I walk through
the valley*
- *I will fear no
evil*
- *Goodness and
mercy shall
follow me*
- *I will dwell in
the house of
the Lord
forever*



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Principle of Progression

*The meaning of
“follow”
progressively
changes*

*1. Immediately they
left their nets and
followed Him*

Matthew 4:18-20

*2. You cannot follow
me now, but you
will follow
afterward*

John 13:36-38

*3. He said to him,
“Follow me”*

John 21:17-22



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Principle of Decisiveness

“I”

- *Shall not want*
- *Walk through*
- *Will fear no evil*
- *Shall dwell*

“He”

- *Makes me lie down*
- *Leads me besides still waters*
- *Restores my soul*
- *Leads me in paths of righteousness*



Principle of Decisiveness

¹²...*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,*

¹³*for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

Philippians 2:12-13



Principle of Decisiveness

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

! Corinthians 15:10



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Continuously

- *Encounter God*
- *Embrace Your Challenges*
- *Enter God's Rest*
- *Endure Your Calling*
- *Establish Your Hope*
- *Enjoy God*

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Professions of Faith manifested through Works of Faith

³You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

⁴Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

Isaiah 26:3-4



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