

Sheep Without a Shepherd

WANDERING → ALONE / LOST → DANGER

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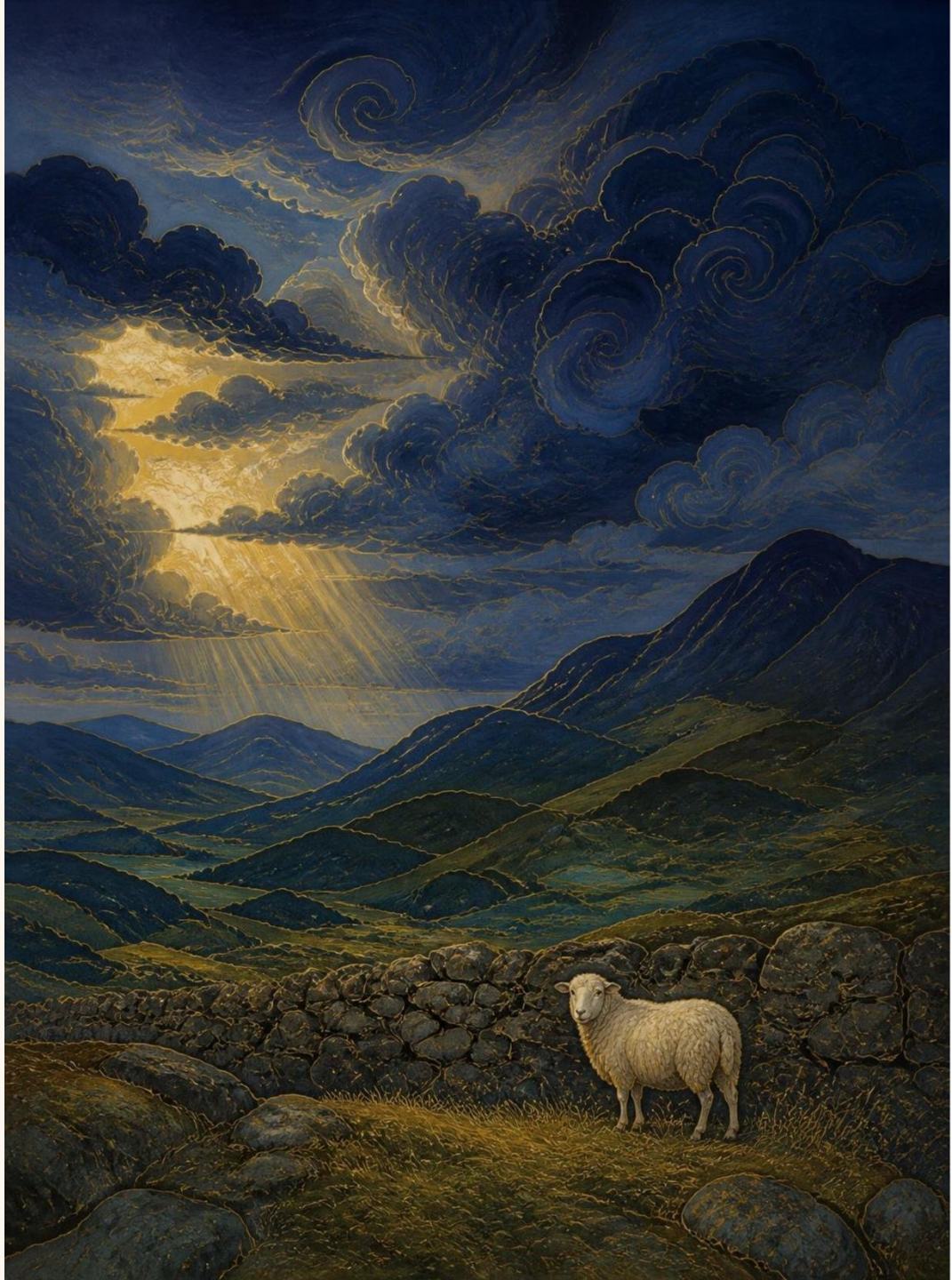
Sheep wander

One patch of grass at a time.

Danger comes

- No protection.
- No direction
- Alone

What feels like freedom can become exposure.





Lost begins with distraction.

- Drifting from one patch of grass to another.
- Not planning to become lost.



We drift too



The daily bread

We are focused on what must be done today.



The outside voices

External voices pull us in every direction.

Needs AND wants!



Drifting from God

Ordinary distractions, choices, and outside voices can pull us away from God.

Jesus sees us

MATTHEW 9:35-36

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.
Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd.

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Distressed (troubled)	**Downcast (thrown down)**	**Without a shepherd (no direction)**



The shepherd brings us home

Direction. Protection. Care.

The shepherd gathers the spread sheep and brings them home.

The shepherd calls

The shepherd calls his sheep in for the night.

The sheep do not respond to another shepherd.





The shepherd protects

He protects them from danger.

He goes after the one that strays.

He leads them toward pasture and water.



Jesus is our shepherd

Jesus the Good Shepherd

JOHN 10:27-29

My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

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My sheep listen to My voice

1

Hear his voice

Above the noise, listen for the Shepherd who calls you by name.

2

Rest in being known

You are seen by him.
We are not forgotten.

3

One step at a time

Following is not seeing the whole road. It is trusting the next step.

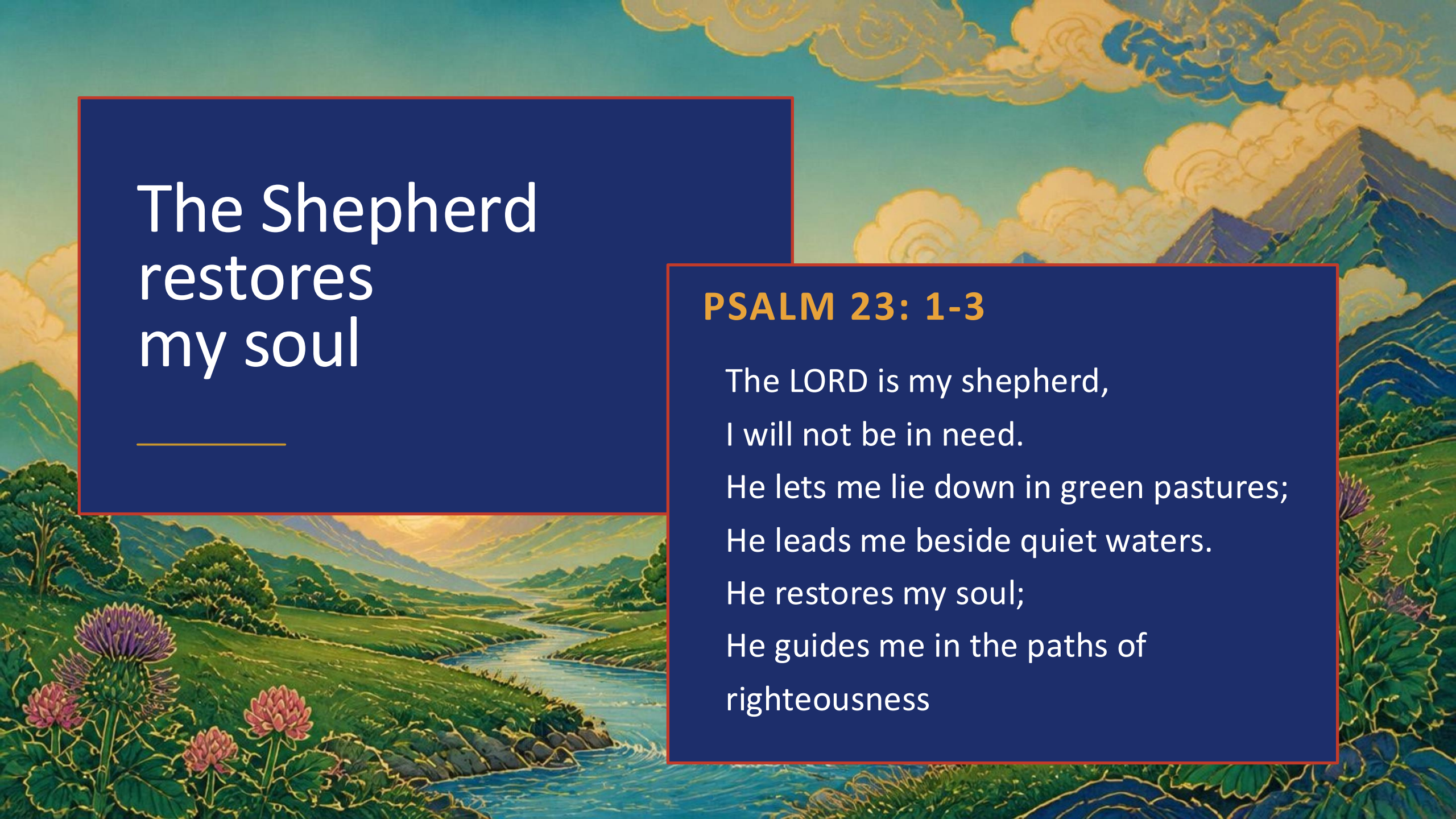


He holds us

The Good Shepherd does not merely point the way.

He holds his people.

We follow because we are secure.



The Shepherd restores my soul

PSALM 23: 1-3

The LORD is my shepherd,
I will not be in need.
He lets me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of
righteousness

Jesus the Good Shepherd

JOHN 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Look to Jesus

Keep moving through ordinary days
One step at a time.
Look to Jesus, our Shepherd
Do not be lost



Look to Jesus



Are you lost?

Jesus is the way.

Come to Him today.