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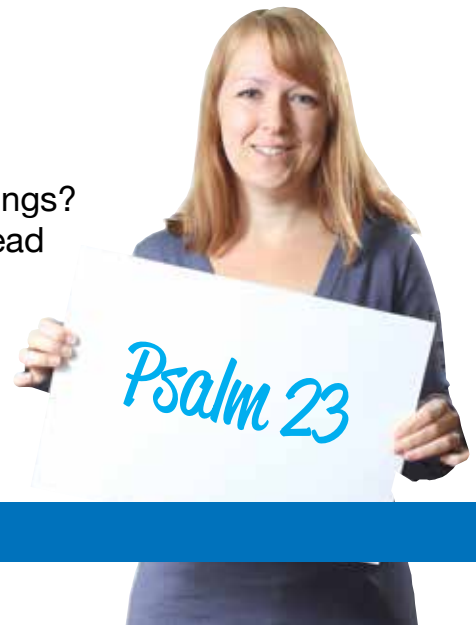
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DAY 1



PSALM 23: 1-3

1. Write down anything that struck you as you read and prayed.
2. Write these verses out and underline (in each verse in turn) the words that are important to you.
Pray about them.
3. Think and pray further about what you have underlined.
Thank Him for His care and love.
4. Can you think about times when God has done these very things for you?
Write some down.
5. Do you have needs today for some of these things?
Claim these promises for the things that lie ahead in your day.
Write down anything you especially need His help for today.



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DAY 2



PSALM 23: 1-3

1. Review what you did yesterday.
2. Can you think of any answers to what you prayed yesterday (item 5)?
Write them down. Thank Him for them.
3. Write down the four things verses 2-3 say the Lord does for us.
4. Try learning verses 1-2 today and repeat them to yourself through the day.
At least write them out to carry with you through the day or add them as a favourite on your smartphone or tablet.
5. Make verses 1-3 a prayer and a praise as you repeat them.

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DAY 3



JOHN 10: 1-3

Comment

In Palestine sheep were kept in open protective pens with only one gateway. At night the shepherd would sleep in the gateway. In the morning he would call his own sheep and lead them out to a suitable grazing area. There were robbers who would try to get over the wall of the pen and steal the sheep.

1. As one of Jesus' flock, and as one who wants to follow Him, what is the warning of verse 1?

Write the answer:

2. Is there anything today that could rob you of Jesus' love, leading and care?

What is it? Write it down.

3. What do you think you should do about it? Ask Jesus to show you.

Pray for His strength and help.

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DAY 4



JOHN 10: 1-3

1. Read the verses again.

Underline any words that strike you.

2. How does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, call us? **(v3)**

3. Do you believe Jesus has a call for you personally?
Pray and think what it might be.

Write it down if you can - don't be afraid to think of something either small or big!

4. Verse 3 tells something His sheep should do. What is it?

5. Write down how you think you can do this.

Ask Jesus to help you this day.

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DAY 5



JOHN 10: 4

1. Think how it says here that Jesus will lead you.
2. Does He push you out into life today (and in the future) on your own?
3. What does He promise to do?
4. Is that an encouragement to you? Why?
5. Ask yourself:
“Am I lagging behind Him?”
“Am I rushing ahead of where He wants to lead me?”
6. How did the sheep know the way to go?

Ask Jesus to help you to know that way more and more.

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Review

Has God shown you anything new this week?

What have you been reminded of this week that has been helpful to you?
