

THE ART AND PRACTICE  
OF FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD



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7:00		<b>Breakfast</b> (Children's program begins promptly at 8:25)			
8:30		Worship <b>Rest and Restoration</b>	Worship <b>No Fear/ Strong Comfort</b>	Worship <b>Goodness and Mercy</b>	Worship <b>There's No Place like Home</b>
10:30		<b>Break</b>			
11:00		<b>Paths of Righteousness</b>	<b>Banquets and Battles</b>	<b>State of the Venture</b>	<b>Kids Program</b>
12:30		<b>Lunch</b>			
13:30	<b>Arrival &amp; Check-in 14:00-17:00</b> Please check in at the Malenka cabin!	<b>Free Time</b>	<b>Family Day</b>	<b>Free Time</b>	
16:30		<b>Operations</b>		<b>Communications</b>	
17:30	<b>Dinner</b>				
18:00		<b>Dinner</b>			
18:30	<b>Nursery &amp; JVK</b>				
19:00	<b>Sheep, Meet your Shepherd</b>	<b>Free Time</b>	<b>Free Time</b>	<b>Movie</b>	
21:00	<b>Dessert</b>				

# SHEPPOLOGY

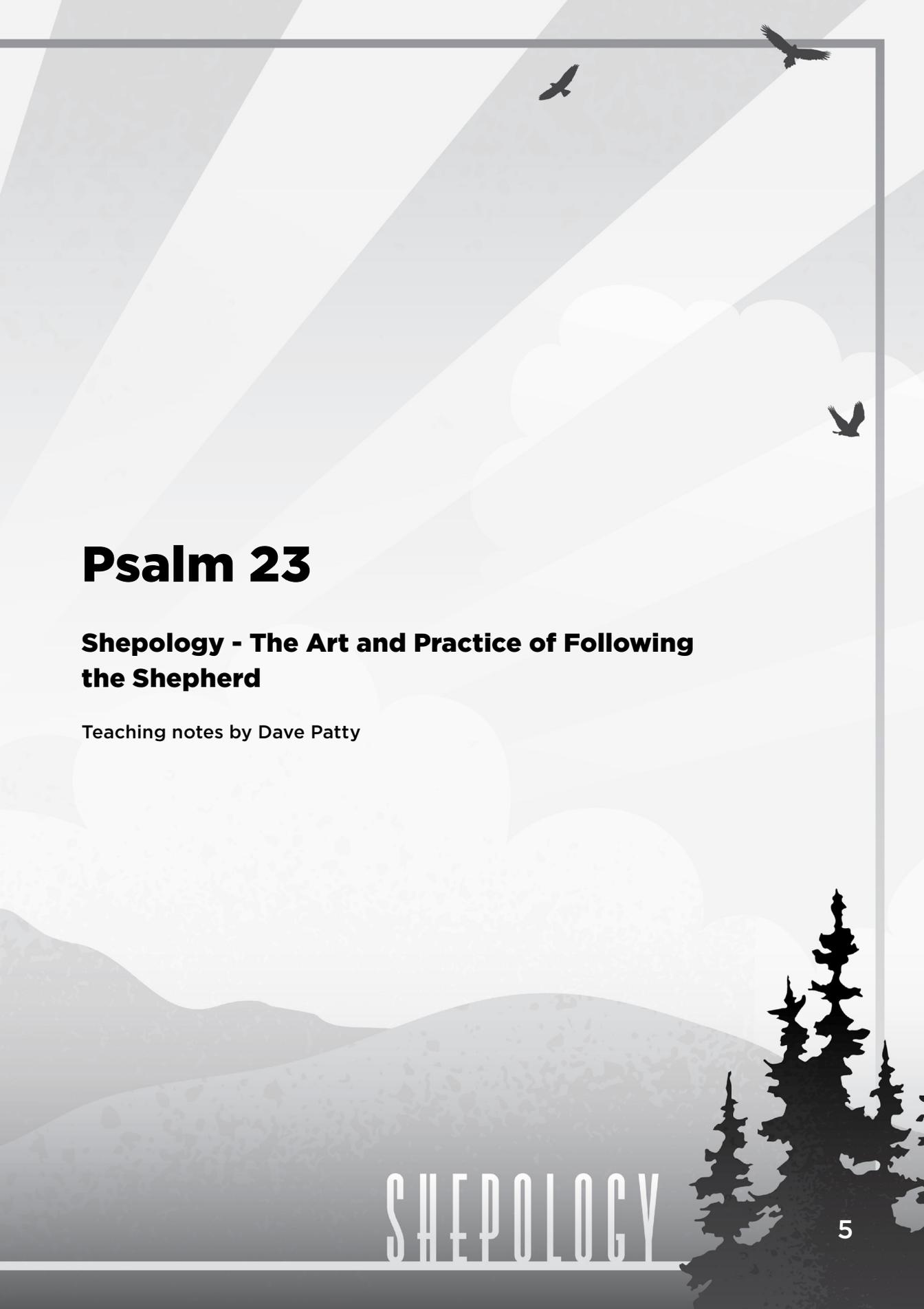


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# Psalm 23

## Shepology - The Art and Practice of Following the Shepherd

Teaching notes by Dave Patty

SHEPOLOGY

# 1. Sheep, Meet Your Shepherd

Psalm 23:1

*“A Psalm of David.*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want”*

## A Psalm of David

The Lord

Yahweh

Exodus 3:13-15

6,519 times in the Old Testament

The “I Am”

...all-powerful

...all-knowing

...faithful

...loving

...wise

...able to see the future

...present with you

is my shepherd

Other possibilities:

- You have no shepherd

- You are your own shepherd

- A fallible fellow-human is your shepherd

Two truths of human enlightenment: There is a God. You are not Him.

**I shall not want**

<b>Symptoms of wanting</b>	<b>Signs of not wanting</b>
Weariness	Rest
Lack of energy	Abundant energy
Low motivation	Initiative and healthy drive
Purposeless	Clear purpose and direction
Nothing to give	Extra resources for others
Closed and withdrawn	Open and engaged
Anxiety	Peace
Worry	Trust
Disappointment	Expectation
Sadness	Joy
Depression	Laughter
Hungry	Satisfied
Empty	Filled

**“Not wanting” is a significant and often missed theme of Scripture.**

*“The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.”*

**Psalm 34:10**

*“My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.”*

**Psalm 63:5**

*“For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.”*

**Psalm 84:11**

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

**Matthew 6:33**

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

**John 10:10**

*“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”*

**Romans 8:32**

*“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*

**Philippians 4:19**

### **Key Insight:**

If I am in a state of wanting, I am in some way not responding to the leading and initiative of the Shepherd.



### How does He shepherd? John 10:1-18

1. Through Jesus - John 10:11
2. By letting you hear His voice and calling your name - John 10:3
3. By going before you - John 10:4
4. By giving you abundant life - John 10:10
5. By laying down his life - John 10:11
6. By knowing you - John 10:14
7. By gathering you into a flock with other sheep - John 10:16

### Questions for Discussion:

What are the most important insights for me personally from this lesson?

What thought or insight was different from the way I normally think or see things?

## 2. Rest and Restoration

### Remember...

Yahweh is your shepherd.  
You are not your own shepherd.  
If you respond to His initiative and leading  
you will “not want.”

### Psalm 23:2-3

*“He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

*He leads me beside still waters.*

*He restores my soul.”*

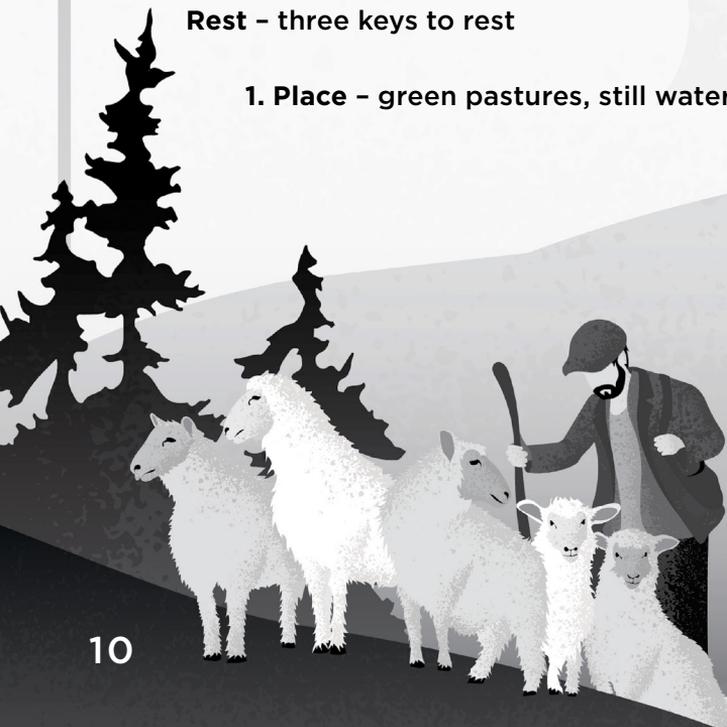
Are you regularly experiencing the Shepherd’s rest and restoration?

**Note** - It is not wrong to be weary. Even Jesus got hungry (Matthew 4:1-2), tired (Matthew 8:24), and weary (John 4:6). Yet after times of intense giving, He withdrew to the Father’s presence for rest and restoration (Luke 5:16).

### Rest - three keys to rest

1. Place - green pastures, still waters

2. Posture - lie down, be led





*“Although sheep will lie down to sleep and rest, when their handlers try to lay them down, they react strongly to stay on their feet. This is for survival. There is a proper technique for sitting sheep down to shear them, but on the whole an inexperienced person will have a hard time getting a sheep to lay down.” -How Do Sheep Behave - Actforlibraries.org*

In A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23, Philip Keller writes that sheep do not lie down easily, and will not unless four conditions are met. Because they are timid, they will not lie down if they are afraid. Because they are social animals, they will not lie down if there is friction among the sheep. If flies or parasites trouble them, they will not lie down. Finally, if sheep are anxious about food or hungry, they will not lie down. Rest comes because the shepherd has dealt with **fear, friction, flies, and famine.**



**Isaiah 40:26-31**

### **3. Pace - timing, healthy rhythms**

Daily

Weekly

Yearly

Multi-yearly

## Restoration – two keys to restoration

### Why do we need restoration?

*“A sheep that has rolled over onto its back is called a ‘cast’ sheep. It may not be able to get up without assistance. This happens most commonly with short, stocky sheep with full fleeces on flat terrain. Cast sheep can become distressed and die within a short period of time if they are not rolled back into a normal position. When back on their feet, they may need support for a few minutes to ensure they are steady.”*

**-Sheep 101, by Susan Schoenian, Sheep & Goat Specialist at the University of Maryland**

### 1. Call for help

Psalm 145:18-19

Isaiah 55:6-7

*“A sick sheep will do its best to look strong and healthy. If they exhibit any abdominal pains, such as hunger, they will often stand with an arched back. This is very important for their keeper to spot early in lambs to see if they are all getting enough to eat/drink. A sick sheep will lose its rank in the pecking order, it will trail where it normally might have lead. Sheep do not like to show pain because it makes them more vulnerable to predators who look for the weak and injured.”* -How Do Sheep Behave – [Actforlibraries.org](http://Actforlibraries.org)



## 2. Let the Shepherd radically readjust you

*“He restores my soul.”*

Sometimes you don't need a break, you need a breakthrough.

*“If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest.”*

*“Hold everything in your hands lightly, otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open.” -Corrie ten Boom*

**“Not want” levels – rest and renewal**

	Rarely			Always	
	1	2	3	4	5
Most of the time I feel physically rested and recharged.					
I take care of my body with healthy eating, regular exercise, and sufficient sleep.					
I have a rhythm of renewal that gets me regularly back up to 100%.					
I am able to fully relax and unplug from demands and responsibilities so I can return to them with energy and focus.					
When I get stuck or immobilized I quickly call for help.					
When I get stuck I let the shepherd radically readjust me until I am back on my feet again.					
Total					

**Personal reflection - rest and renewal**

**What do I see the Shepherd doing to give me rest and renewal?**

**What is the Shepherd saying to me in the area of rest and renewal?**

**What does the Shepherd want me to do or change in the area of rest and renewal?**



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## **Questions for discussion:**

What are the most important insights for me personally from this lesson?

What do I sense the Shepherd wants me to grow in or change in the light of what I just learned from Psalm 23?

### 3. Paths of Righteousness

Psalm 23:3

*"He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."*

Every human being has a built-in need for meaning and purpose in life.

*"The soul which has no fixed purpose in life is lost; to be everywhere, is to be nowhere."* -Michel de Montaigne, French philosopher

*"I believe that if you don't derive a deep sense of purpose from what you do, if you don't come radiantly alive several times a day, if you don't feel deeply grateful at the tremendous good fortune that has been bestowed on you, then you are wasting your life. And life is too short to waste."*

-Srikumar Rao, Indian Educator and Author

*"Man is absurd, but he must grimly act as if he were not."*

-Jean-Paul Sartre

*"Until the 'why' question is answered, the price is always too high."*

-Charlie Bradshaw

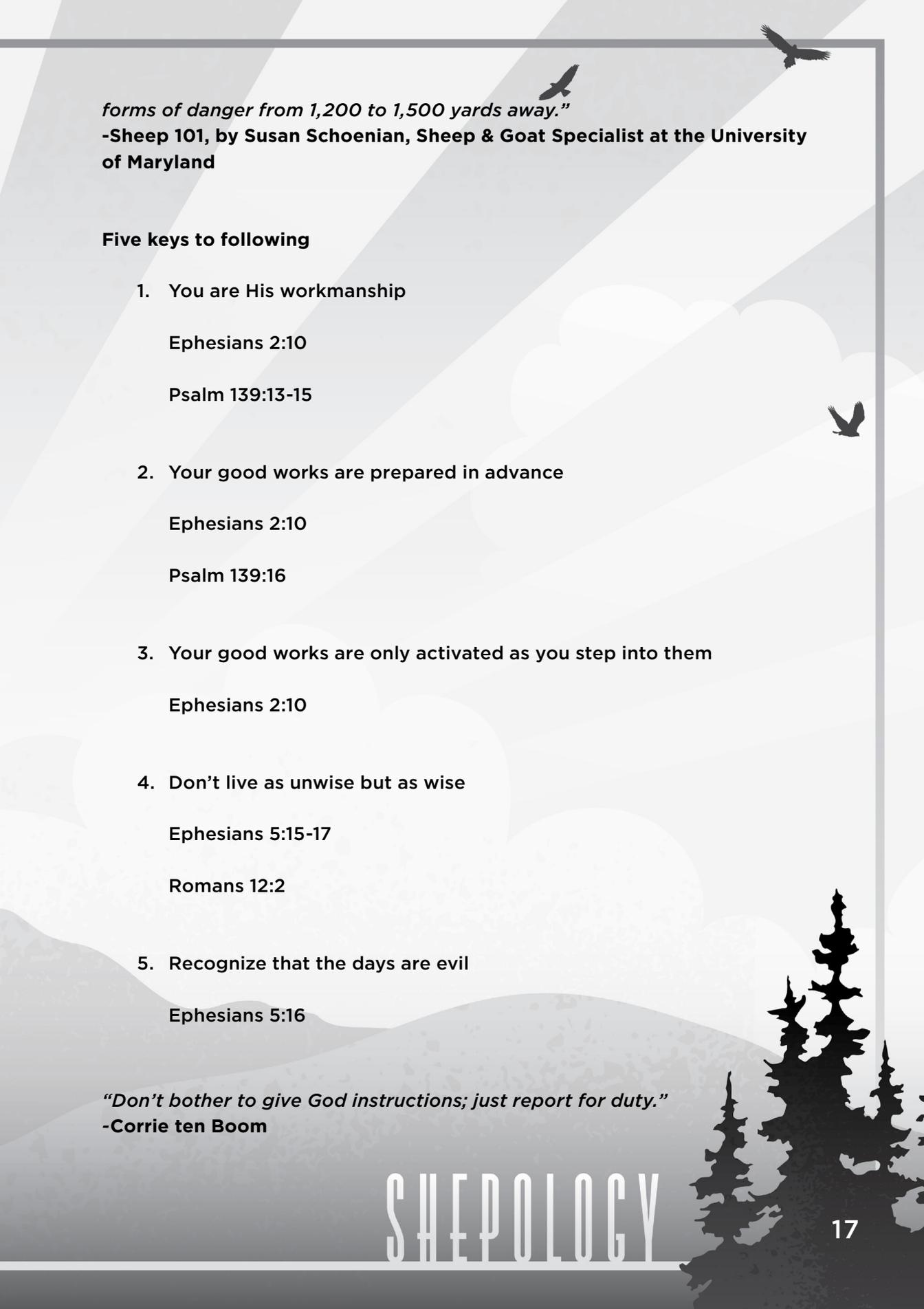
So, we need a path. What are our choices? We can...

1. Find a path
2. Make a path
3. Accept a path
4. Ignore all paths

...or we can let the Shepherd lead us on a path He has prepared for us.

*"Left to themselves, sheep tracks are never straight. The winding of trails allows sheep to observe their backside first with one eye, then the other. Sheep can spot dogs or other perceived*





*forms of danger from 1,200 to 1,500 yards away.”*

**-Sheep 101, by Susan Schoenian, Sheep & Goat Specialist at the University of Maryland**

**Five keys to following**

1. You are His workmanship

Ephesians 2:10

Psalms 139:13-15

2. Your good works are prepared in advance

Ephesians 2:10

Psalms 139:16

3. Your good works are only activated as you step into them

Ephesians 2:10

4. Don't live as unwise but as wise

Ephesians 5:15-17

Romans 12:2

5. Recognize that the days are evil

Ephesians 5:16

*“Don't bother to give God instructions; just report for duty.”*

**-Corrie ten Boom**

## The purpose of following

*“For his name’s sake”*

Let the Shepherd put you on display.

Through you, He wants to show off...

- His glorious grace  
Ephesians 1:6, 2:7
- The praise of His glory  
Ephesians 1:12, 14
- The wisdom of His plan  
Ephesians 1:8-10
- His kindness toward you  
Ephesians 2:7



**“Not want” levels - paths of righteousness**

	Rarely			Always	
	1	2	3	4	5
I am confident and secure in who God has made me.					
I assume He has good works planned for me and eagerly look forward to them.					
When I know what He wants me to do I quickly and confidently step into it.					
I regularly spend time thinking and listening to the Shepherd about my current purpose and priorities.					
I let the Shepherd “show off” His grace and glory through me.					
I often talk about His wisdom and kindness in my conversations with others, praising Him for what He is doing in and around me.					
<b>Total</b>					

**Personal reflection – paths of righteousness**

What do I see the Shepherd doing to lead me in paths of righteousness?

What is the Shepherd saying to me about how I need to follow in paths of righteousness?

What does the Shepherd want me to do or change in letting Him lead me in paths of righteousness, for His name's sake?

**Questions for discussion:**

What are the most important insights for me personally from this lesson?

What do I sense the Shepherd wants me to grow in or change in the light of what I just learned from Psalm 23?



## 4. No Fear / Strong Comfort

Psalm 23:4

*“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.”*

**Tsalmaveth:** death-like shadow, deep shadow

18 Occurrences in the Old Testament (10 in Job)

NASB Translation

black gloom (1), dark (1), deep darkness (6), deep shadow (4), shadow of death (4), thick darkness (2).

### Typical reaction of sheep to valleys, darkness, and fear

- Sheep move best when not afraid, so work slowly and calmly.
- Sheep will bunch up in corners to protect themselves.
- Sheep do not like to move into the darkness; place a chute facing a well-lit area.
- Sheep move better on a flat surface or uphill.
- Sheep resist moving from one type of surface to another.
- Sheep have no depth perception, so shadows, dark surfaces, and water are issues.
- Sheep fear new visual objects.
- Sheep at a run are out of control, except over long distance. If they are really frightened they will run away in a panic. When this happens only a swift dog can overtake the leader and turn the sheep around.

**-Understanding Sheep -Saskatchewan Sheep  
Development Board**

What are your death shadows?

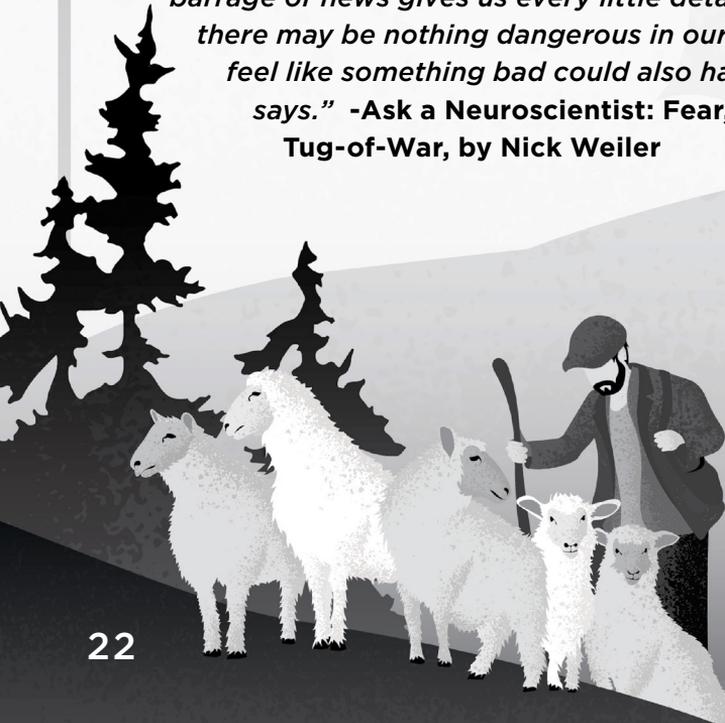
How does fear affect you?

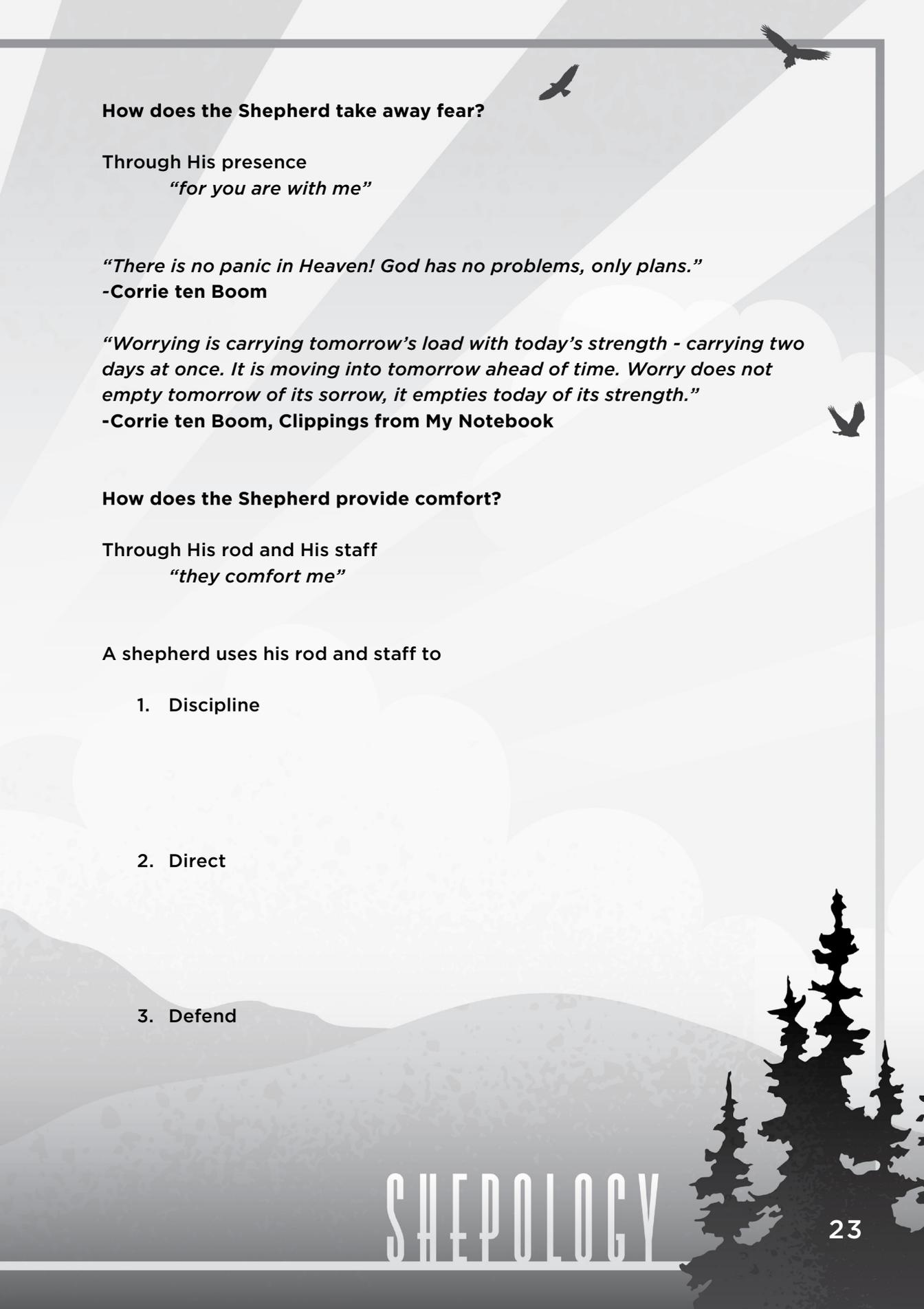
When I am afraid I...

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Anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in the United States, affecting 18 percent of the population, according to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America.

*“In the age of information overload and up-to-the-second Twitter feeds, it’s not surprising that we feel constantly on high alert,” says Friedemann Schaub, MD, PhD, author of The Fear and Anxiety Solution. ‘The constant barrage of news gives us every little detail of every disaster. Even though there may be nothing dangerous in our immediate environment, we still feel like something bad could also happen to us at any moment,’ he says.”* -Ask a Neuroscientist: Fear, Reward and the Decision Making Tug-of-War, by Nick Weiler





**How does the Shepherd take away fear?**

Through His presence  
*“for you are with me”*

*“There is no panic in Heaven! God has no problems, only plans.”*  
**-Corrie ten Boom**

*“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength - carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.”*  
**-Corrie ten Boom, Clippings from My Notebook**

**How does the Shepherd provide comfort?**

Through His rod and His staff  
*“they comfort me”*

A shepherd uses his rod and staff to

1. Discipline
2. Direct
3. Defend

**“Not want” levels - no fear/ strong comfort**

	Rarely			Always	
	1	2	3	4	5
Even at the times where my path looks dark and unknown, I am not afraid.					
I experience the presence of the Shepherd in the dark places and that brings me a real sense of safety and security.					
I welcome the discipline of the Shepherd because it makes me feel cared for and protected.					
When things happen differently than I planned or expected, I ask God what He is doing and work to get on His agenda.					
I recognize the pressure He uses to change my direction, to speed me up and slow me down; knowing He is working in it for my good is comforting to me.					
I know the Shepherd is always ready and capable to defend me and that calms my fears and makes me feel safe.					
<b>Total</b>					





**Personal reflection - no fear/ strong comfort**

**What do I see the Shepherd doing to remove fear with His presence and provide comfort with His rod and staff?**

**What is the Shepherd saying to me about how I need to experience His fear-removing presence and His rod and staff comfort?**

**What does the Shepherd want me to do or change in letting Him totally remove the fear of evil from my life?**

## Questions for discussion:

What are the most important insights for me personally from this lesson?

What do I sense the Shepherd wants me to grow in or change in the light of what I just learned from Psalm 23?

## Notes:



## 5. Banquets and Battles

### Psalm 23:5

*“You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.”*

**neged:** in front of, in sight of, opposite to

NASB Translation

against (3), aloof\* (3), away (1), before (60), broad (1), demoralized\* (1), directly (1), distance\* (3), front (15), opposite (16), opposite\* (5), other side (1), presence (13), resist\* (1), risked\* (1), sight (2), sight\* (2), straight ahead (3), straight before (1), suitable (2), under (1).

**tsarar:** adversary

Brown-Driver-Briggs

verb denominative, suffer distress (specifically of travail, compare Jeremiah 4:31; Jeremiah 49:24); — Participle (in simile) Jeremiah 48:41; Jeremiah 49:22.

What are your enemies?

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An ever-present enemy produces stress.

How does stress impact us?

Our fight-or-flight response is the body’s sympathetic nervous system reacting to a stressful event. Our body produces larger quantities of the chemicals cortisol, adrenaline, and noradrenaline, which trigger a higher heart rate, heightened muscle preparedness, sweating, and alertness -- all these factors help us protect ourselves in a dangerous or challenging situation.

Non-essential body functions slow down, such as our digestive and immune systems when we are in fight-or flight response mode. All resources can then be concentrated on rapid breathing, blood flow, alertness, and muscle use.

**When we are stressed the following happens:**

- Blood pressure rises
- Breathing becomes more rapid
- Digestive system slows down
- Heart rate (pulse) rises
- Immune system goes down
- Muscles become tense
- We do not sleep (heightened state of alertness)

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com>

How does stress impact you?

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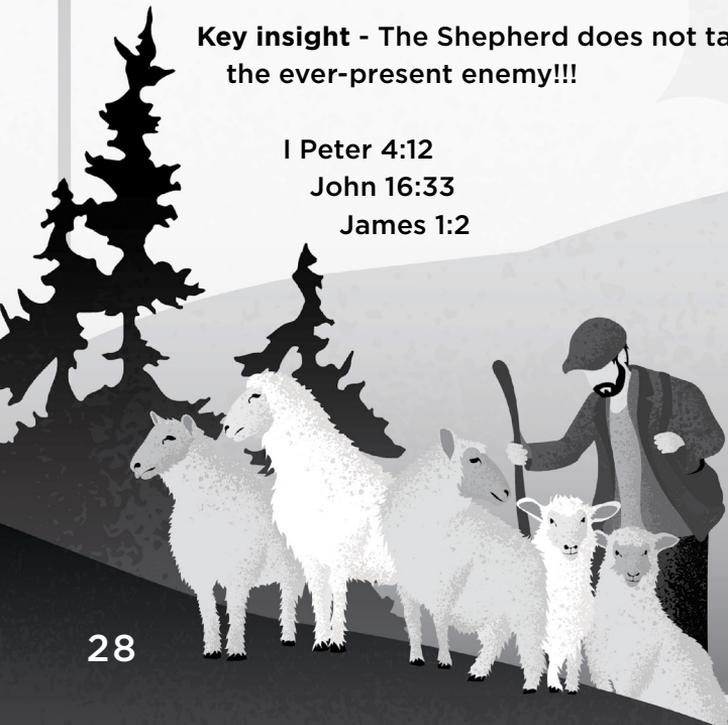
**Key insight** - The Shepherd does not take away our stress by removing the ever-present enemy!!!

I Peter 4:12

John 16:33

James 1:2

*“In a study carried out at Pennsylvania State University, the investigators found that stress was not the problem, but rather how we react to stressors. It appears that how patients react to stress is a predictor of*





*their health a decade later, regardless of their present health and stressors.”*  
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/252514.php>

So how does the Shepherd work to retrain my natural response to stress?

### **You prepare a table**

1. Food  
Job 36:16
2. Fun  
Genesis 43:34
3. Fellowship  
Matthew 8:11, Revelation 3:20

### **You anoint my head with oil**

**dashen:** to be fat, grow fat - **11 times**

NASB Translation

anointed (1), become greasy (1), become prosperous (1), find your acceptable (1), made fat (1), prosper (1), prosperous (1), puts fat (1), removing its ashes (1), sated (1), take away (1), take away the ashes (1).

**mashach:** to smear, anoint - **69 times**

NASB Translation

anoint (21), anointed (42), anointing (1), oil (1), painting (1), spread (4).

Why does David use dashen in Psalm 23 instead of mashach?

### **my cup overflows**

*Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.”*

Psalm 16:5-6 (NIV)

**The enemies don't disappear, but the Shepherd provides three resources that absolutely change my experience:**

**1. Banquets - refreshment**

**2. Balm - relief**

**3. Blessings - reward**



**“Not want” levels - banquets and battles**

	Rarely			Always	
	1	2	3	4	5
I deeply believe that God can give me peace and relief without changing my circumstances.					
I am able to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship even when I am very aware of pressing problems and unsolved difficulties.					
When I am pestered by flies, I look to the Shepherd for how He wants to bring me relief.					
I regularly experience precious fellowship with the Lord right in the midst of threats and opposition from others.					
I can't believe how blessed I am - sometimes I feel like I can't even contain it.					
I believe that the Shepherd wants my life to not only be fruitful, but also enjoyable.					
<b>Total</b>					

**Personal reflection - banquets and battles**

**What do I see the Shepherd doing to remove stress without removing the enemy?**

**What is the Shepherd saying to me about how I need to experience the banquets, balm, and blessings He is providing?**

**What does the Shepherd want me to do or change in letting Him totally remove chronic stress from my life?**



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## Questions for discussion:

What is the most important insight for me personally from this lesson?

What do I sense the Shepherd wants me to grow in or change in the light of what I just learned from Psalm 23?

## Notes:

## 6. Goodness and Mercy

**Psalm 23:6**

*“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,”*

**Checed:** favour – 247 times

Phonetic Spelling: (kkeh'-sed)

**The KJV translates checed in the following manner:** mercy (149x), kindness (40x), lovingkindness (30x), goodness (12x), kindly (5x), merciful (4x), favor (3x), good (1x), goodliness (1x)

*“Biblical scholars have often complained that the word ‘checed’ in the Hebrew Bible is difficult to translate into English, because it really has no precise equivalent in our language. English versions usually try to represent it with such words as ‘loving-kindness,’ ‘mercy,’ ‘steadfast love,’ and sometimes ‘loyalty,’ but the full meaning of the word cannot be conveyed without a fuller explanation.”*

<http://www.bible-researcher.com/checed.html>

**Radaph** – 143 times

The KJV translates Strong's H7291 in the following manner: pursue (74x), persecute (20x), follow (18x), chase (13x), persecutors (7x), pursuer (6x), follow after (1x), flight (1x).

What do you expect as you look to the future?

Hope should be the constant experience of a believer.

...all the days of my life.

*“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.”*

**Psalm 33:18**





*“but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.”*

**Psalm 147:11**

*“So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain.”*

**Hebrews 6:17-19**



**Future fear - David and Absalom, 2 Samuel 15-16**

Symptoms of future fear

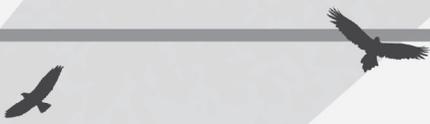
1. **Retreat** - running away from problems rather than toward them
2. **Dread** - believing premonitions are certain reality
3. **Victimization** - assuming you are powerless to bring change
4. **Self-flagellation** - punishing self and accepting the condemnation of others

## **Future faith - David and Goliath, 1 Samuel 17**

### **Symptoms of future faith**

- 1. Action** - running toward the problem, even when everyone else is in retreat
- 2. Confidence** - expectation that God will bring victory, even though you don't know how
- 3. Agency** - certainty that God can use exactly who you are and what you have
- 4. Security** - preoccupied with the sufficiency of God rather than the weakness of self





Future fear paralyses, future faith energizes

Where are you experiencing future fear?

How can you let the Shepherd remove future fear and replace it with future faith?

*“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”*  
-Corrie ten Boom

**“Not want” levels – goodness and mercy**

	Rarely			Always	
	1	2	3	4	5
When there is a problem, I typically run toward it to solve it rather than ignore it or run away from it.					
I expect that God will bring victory, even though I don't know how.					
Because the Shepherd is with me I don't feel like a victim, but believe that He will use exactly who I am and what I have.					
When I am tempted to punish myself, or focus on my weaknesses, I shift my attention to the sufficiency of God. This is then reflected in my speech and in my actions.					
I look forward to the future with anticipation and expectation, rather than fear and dread.					
I believe God is actively working to bless me and show me His love, and that will continue into the future.					
<b>Total</b>					



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**Personal reflection - goodness and mercy**

What do I see the Shepherd doing to teach me to have future faith?

What is the Shepherd saying to me about how I need to remove future fear?

What does the Shepherd want me to do or change in order to let Him totally remove future fear from my life and replace it with future faith?

**Questions for discussion:**

What are the most important insights for me personally from this lesson?

What do I sense the Shepherd wants me to grow in or change in the light of what I just learned from Psalm 23?

# 7. There's No Place Like Home

**Psalm 23:6**

*"and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."*

You are a stranger and alien here on earth, passing through on your way home.

**Hebrews 11:13-16**

**1 Peter 2:11**

*"Look at your life like a woman reads a novel. Read the last page first."*

At your final destination, you can look forward to:

1. A new body

**2 Corinthians 5:1-5**

**1 Corinthians 15:35-58**

2. A place prepared for you

**John 14:2**

3. A new heaven and earth

**Revelation 21:1-2**



4. God with us

Revelation 21:3

5. Sin and sorrow gone

Revelation 21:4-7

6. All the saints

Revelation 21:9-14

7. Important things to do

Luke 19:17-19

Revelation 21:24-26

8. Time without end

Revelation 22:1-5

*“The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning.”*

*“And as He spoke, He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.” -C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle*

*“You have never had it. All the things that have ever deeply possessed your soul have been but hints of it -- tantalizing glimpses, promises never quite fulfilled, echoes that died away just as they caught your ear. But if it should really become manifest -- if there ever came an echo that did not die away but swelled into the sound itself -- you would know it. Beyond all possibility of doubt you would say ‘Here at last is the thing I was made for.’”*

**-C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain**

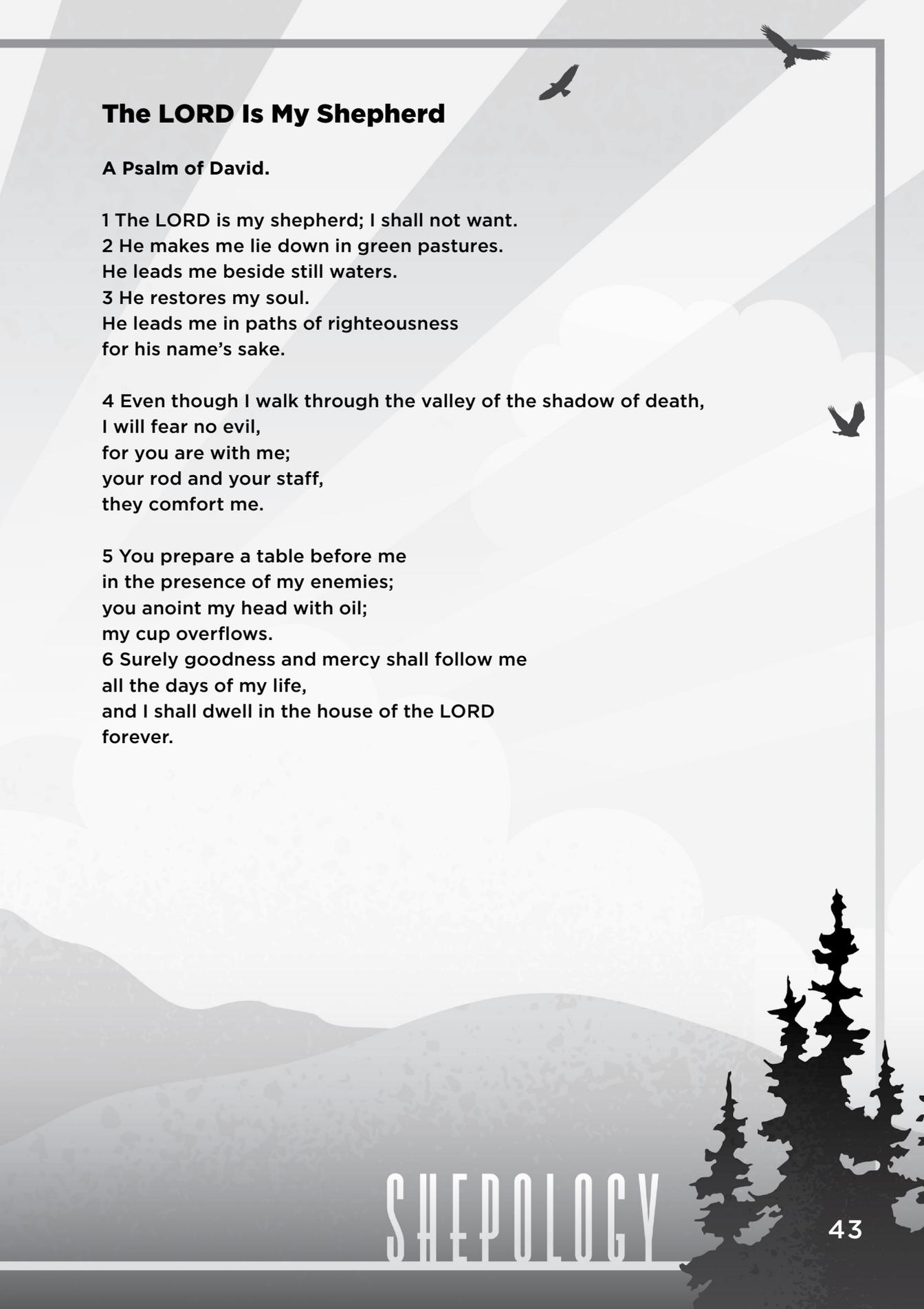
How does this hope purify you? I John 3:2-3

### **Questions for discussion:**

What are you most looking forward to as you think about the new heaven and earth?

How should that hope and expectation impact you personally while you are still here?





# The LORD Is My Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

4 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.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

## **Understanding Sheep - Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board, Canada**

### **Specific Behavior Traits**

- Sheep are created with specific behavior traits. Knowing what these traits are can make handling them much easier.
- Sheep are social animals, so try and prevent seclusion.
- Sheep by nature are followers; let them follow and don't drive them as you would cattle.
- Sheep are docile animals by nature.
- Sheep have good memories; these memories need to be positive ones as much as possible.

**Sheep react to their surroundings, this includes the working environment and facilities; the following suggestions will help make the experience positive:**

- Sheep like routine, so be patient when introducing something new.
- Sheep reactions are predictable, so use them.
- Sheep react negatively to loud noises and yelling.
- Sheep will bunch up in corners to protect themselves.
- When moving, gathering, or sorting sheep, the more efficient the operation the better; wool grabbing and rough handling will cause bruising.
- Sheep tend to move in the opposite direction of the handler.
- Sheep have a flight zone, determine what this is for your flock.
- Sheep move best when not afraid, so work slowly and calmly.



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- Sheep do not like to move into the darkness; place a chute facing a well-lit area.
  - Sheep move better on a flat surface or uphill.
  - Sheep will move towards other sheep.
  - Sheep will move to a partially-full pen.
  - Sheep will move better through long, narrow pens and chutes rather than square pens and wide chute systems.
  - Sheep resist moving from one type of surface to another.
  - Sheep have no depth perception, so shadows, dark surfaces, and water are issues.
  - Sheep fear new visual objects.
  - Sheep and other farm animals have a well-developed sense of hearing. They capture a wider frequency of sound than is audible to our ears. Thus, it is important while feeding and caring for the animals that you talk to them in a calm, reassuring voice. When they sense that you mean no harm, they will turn to their usual business of eating, drinking, and feeding their young.
  - Sheep at a run are out of control, except over long distance. If they are really frightened they will run away in a panic. When this happens only a swift dog can overtake the leader and turn the sheep around.

[http://www.sksheep.com/documents/Ex\\_Understanding\\_Sheep\\_Behaviour.pdf](http://www.sksheep.com/documents/Ex_Understanding_Sheep_Behaviour.pdf)

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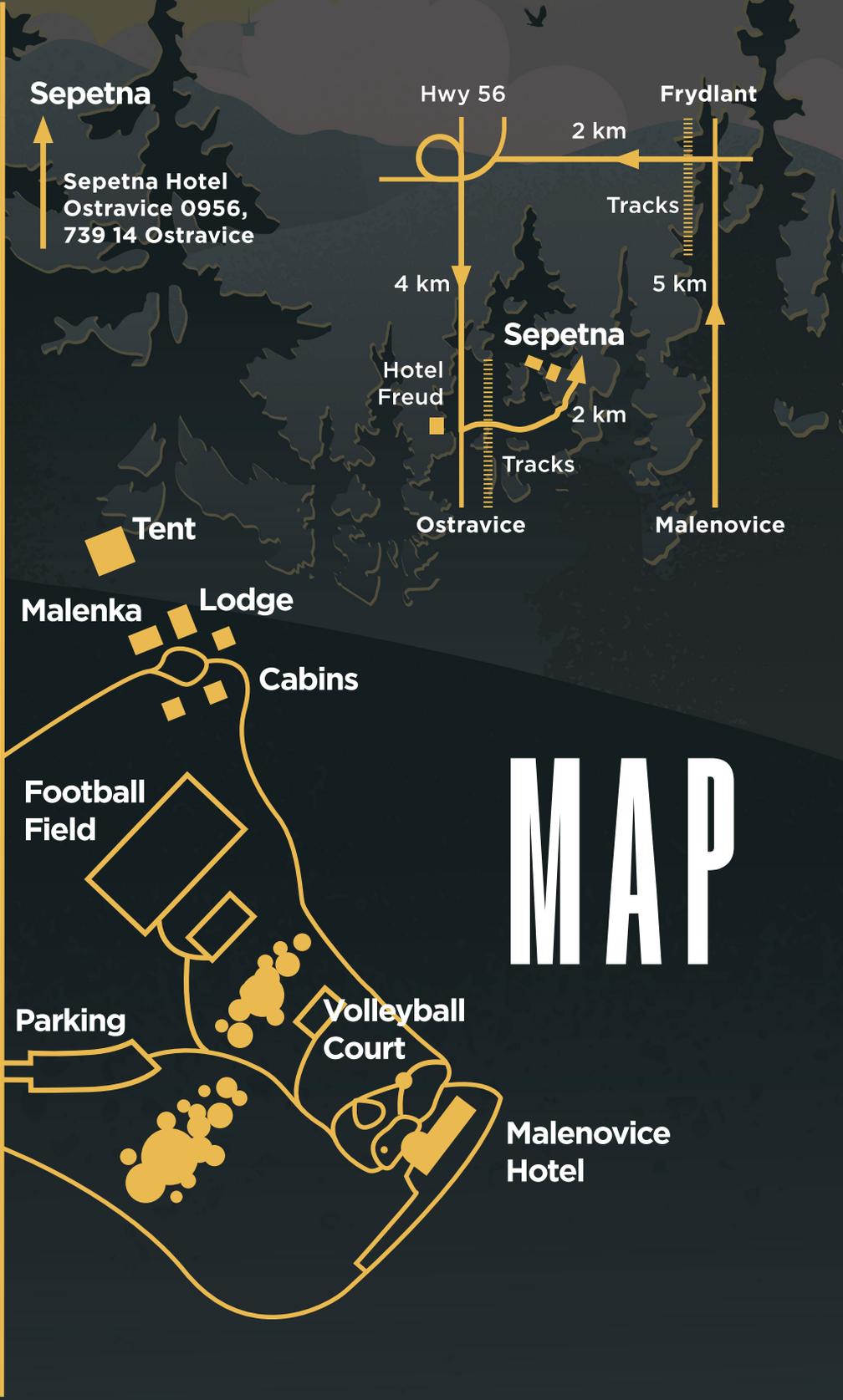
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