

# Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

September 22-28, 2014

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit.

**September 22: Read Psalm 23.** Read the Psalm slowly out loud 3 times. Spend a few moments thinking about the images of this psalm. What does it tell you about God, God's people and our world? What part of the psalm speaks to you today?

**September 23: Read Psalm 23.** Focus on verse 1a. What does the writer mean when he says that "the Lord is my shepherd?" What does a shepherd do for his sheep? How have you experienced this in your life?

**September 24: Read Psalm 23.** Focus on verse 1b. What does the writer mean when he says, "I shall not want?" Is the emphasis on the shepherd's provision, our not wanting, or both? How do you experience this in your life?

**September 25: Read John 10:1-18.** How does this passage relate to Psalm 23? What parallels do you see between the two passages? What is the role of the good shepherd? What is the role of the sheep?

**September 26: Read Luke 15:3-7.** What does this passage tell us about shepherds and what might it add to your understanding of Psalm 23? How does this passage relate to your life in the Lord?

**September 27: Read 23.** Say verse 1 out loud slowly ten times. What does this verse mean in your life today as you consider your relationship with the Lord as your shepherd?

**September 28: Read Psalm 23.** Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.

## Psalm 23

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

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.

4 Yea, 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 runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

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