



THE LORD IS
MY SHEPHERD,
I SHALL NOT WANT
PSALM 23:1



Morning Devotion
Week 7

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My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 When Paul wrote the words of Philippians 4:19, he was speaking from experience. Ever since he'd become a Christian and a missionary for the Lord, he had faced almost every need imaginable. He'd been thrown in prison, he'd faced persecution, and he'd suffered at the hands of those who hated him. But God had faithfully met Paul's needs every step of the way. God had never let him down. Whether in plenty or in want, hungry or well fed, Paul had experienced God's providing hand. At the beginning of a new year God promises to meet our every need. God already knows what we'll need, and he promises to meet our needs. God will be with us every step of the way, providing for us in ways that only God can. It's guaranteed! Make sure you don't misinterpret these words of Paul. God does not promise to give us everything we want. Sometimes God's answer to our prayers is "No." Sometimes God will answer our prayers in ways that we don't want or expect. There may be lots of things God will withhold from us. But he does promise to give us what we need in order to fulfill his purpose for our lives. We have been given a new year to serve God. As God meets our needs, he also asks us to help meet the needs of people around us. This is one way in which God shows his presence through us.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for your promise to meet our needs. Help us to see the needs of others, and move us to be willing to help meet those needs in your name. Amen.

It is wise to have plans for the future; having dreams and desires is part of what keeps life moving forward. We have all arrived at where we are today by the decisions we've made.

The exciting news is to know that we can continue to grow and rise to greater heights with God's assistance. As we are traveling down the road of life, we shouldn't worry about where we are going, but who we are following.

I would rather follow God's lead and stay on course, than go my own way and stumble along. For when I am uncertain about the correct path to follow, God illuminates the way. I find peace from the words God spoke through Isaiah the prophet.

The Lord says in [Isaiah 42:16](#),

"I will lead the blind on roads they have never known; I will guide them on paths they have never traveled. Their road is dark and rough, but I will give light to keep them from stumbling."(CEV)

When walking in the dark a flashlight is very useful, otherwise we might run into something and fall. By simply following the light, every obstacle becomes visible. God's Word is also like a flashlight that guides us.

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for ... correcting ... so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
—2 Timothy 3:16-17 —**

When is a thief not a thief? When he or she has stopped stealing? Not necessarily. A thief might stop stealing after getting caught and being put in jail. But after being released, a thief might take up stealing again.

When has a thief really changed? Our Bible reading today talks about radical correction. A thief “must steal no longer, but must work” to earn a paycheck and “have something to share” with someone in need.

God says clearly in his Word that it is not enough just to stop doing wrong things when we trust and follow Jesus Christ. We need to begin doing right things. As Paul describes it, it’s the dynamic of putting off the old way of life and putting on the new.

The power for this change comes from God’s Spirit living and working in us. How we should change is spelled out in God’s Word. Look at the examples in our reading today: lying must be replaced by truth-telling, anger with timely conflict resolution, hurtful talk with helpful words, bitterness with kindness, revenge with forgiveness.

What correction does your life need right now? What change would please the Lord?

Prayer

Lord, have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me; (Psalm 119:132-133). Amen.

"He renews my strength. **He guides me along right paths**, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me." .Psalm 23:3-4 NIV

So often we choose our own paths instead of asking for God's direction. Sadly, we might not turn to him until we've learned the hard way that our plan didn't work.

The Lord is our Shepherd. He loves us unconditionally. Only he knows what lies ahead. Only he knows what the best plan is. And yet too often, we stubbornly choose to trust in our own thinking rather than asking him for guidance and obeying him. And as we dart off on our own paths, we wander away from his protection, the protection he so much wants to give. Like a sheep leaving the flock and the Shepherd's protection, we open ourselves to problems and dangers we cannot handle alone.

When we trust God enough to choose his plan, to walk in obedience to him, he will renew our strength. He will guide us along the right paths. And we will honor him in what we do. When we choose to follow him, we don't need to be afraid because he is right beside us. No matter where the path leads, he will protect us and comfort us.

With all your heart you must trust the LORD and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow. Don't ever think that you are wise enough, but respect the LORD and stay away from evil. (Proverbs 3:5-7 CEV)

Prayer

Father, forgive me for all the times I've chosen my own path instead of following yours. Thank you for continuing to love me. Help me always to turn to you first, to **follow you in obedience**. Help me honor you in all I do. Thank you for your strength, comfort, and protection. In Jesus' name

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