

**R E P L E N I S H
SANITY FOR OUR SOULS
PSALM 23**

Part 7: He Shelters Us

A message from Matt Heard, Lead Pastor
Read about Pastor Matt at NorthlandChurch.net/PastorMatt.

*"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want."
– King David, 10th Century B.C.*

*"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way..."
– Isaiah, 8th Century, B.C.*

*"I will give you rest... you will find rest for your souls."
– Jesus of Nazareth, 1st Century A.D.*

*"You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."
– Augustine of Hippo, A.D. 401*

Sheep. That's what we're called.
Sanity. That's what we need.

Both realities are demonstrated in all of our journeys. During this COVID-19 pandemic, our sheep-like vulnerability has been amplified, as well as our desperate need for some sanity.

Left on their own, sheep can't replenish themselves. And us?
Consigned to our own solutions and schemes, we can't either.

Over the course of the days our hearts are increasingly restless in the banal boredom of quarantined life... Over the course of the years our lives are numbed by the frantic futility of hollow pursuits...
...either way we grow weary in our search for **Replenishment**.

But there is hope for sheep in search of sanity. That hope comes in the form of a Shepherd—a Shepherd for unsettled souls and weary hearts. This familiar Psalm extends to each of us an invitation to head to a place where we can experience the replenishing soul care of our Shepherd.

But not just any shepherd.
The Good Shepherd.

*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
– Jesus of Nazareth, 1st Century A.D.*

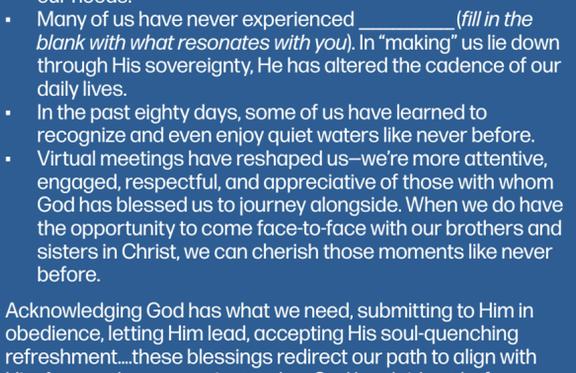
Psalm 23 (ESV)

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
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.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

UPCOMING SERVICES

» JUNE 6-7 | AWAKEN: The Cost of Living | John 12: 1-11 | Pastor Matt Heard

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GIVE

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

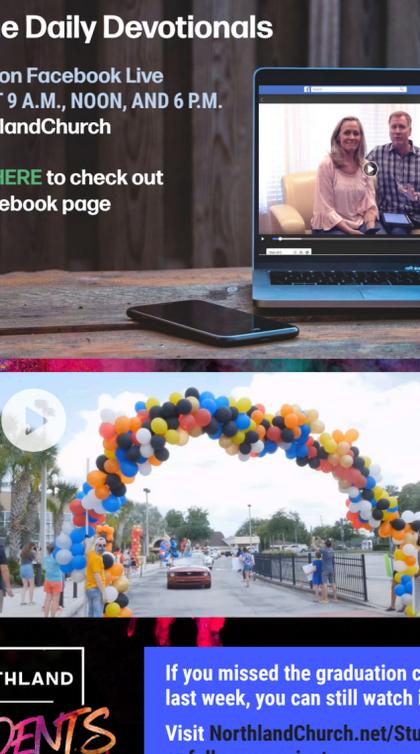
Over these unprecedented months of uncertainty, God has revealed opportunities for us as His people—to be His hands and feet. Hearts are hurting...yet open, minds are burdened...but exploring, and souls everywhere are searching for what is to come.

As redeemed image bearers who acknowledge our daily reliance on His saving grace and truth, we are called to carry the light of that grace and truth into the world. When we tune our hearts to God's song for our lives, we recognize advection, confusion, and even pain point to the reason He has us here—to be His witnesses and to share His love.

When we entered into this season—stripped of our "daily normal"—Pastor Matt invited us to dive deeper into a familiar text...and come away with a fuller understanding of Psalm 23.

- As we look back over this pandemic, we can rest in knowing we're in the hands of our Shepherd. He is truly enough for all our needs.
- Many of us have never experienced _____ (fill in the blank with what resonates with you). In "making" us lie down through His sovereignty, He has altered the cadence of our daily lives.
- In the past eighty days, some of us have learned to recognize and even enjoy quiet waters like never before.
- Virtual meetings have reshaped us—we're more attentive, engaged, respectful, and appreciative of those with whom God has blessed us to journey alongside. When we do have the opportunity to come face-to-face with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we can cherish those moments like never before.

Acknowledging God has what we need, submitting to Him in obedience, letting Him lead, accepting His soul-quenching refreshment...these blessings redirect our path to align with His. As together we navigate what God has laid out before us, thank you for equipping your church—in all times and in every circumstance—to **Engage People to be Fully Alive in Jesus**.

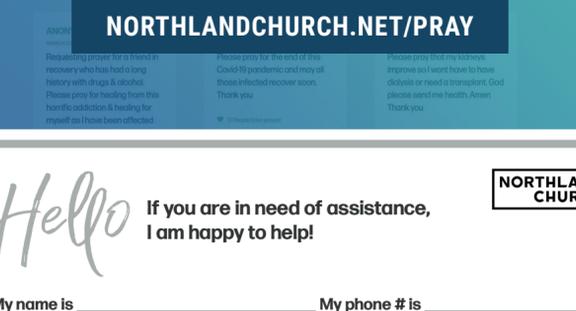


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