



**16** We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. **17** How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister<sup>p</sup> in need and yet refuses help?

**18** Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. **19** And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him **20** whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; **22** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

**23** And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### **The LORD Is My Shepherd - A David Psalm**

23<sup>1</sup> God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. <sup>2</sup> You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. <sup>3</sup> True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. <sup>4</sup> Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure <sup>5</sup> You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. <sup>6</sup> Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

## John 10:11-18



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**11** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them. **13** The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. **18** No one takes<sup>a</sup> it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”