

PART 1: Trusting Provision

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START

Throughout scripture humanity is often symbolized by sheep and God is symbolized by a shepherd. Sheep are stubborn, ignorant, and erratically react to their fears.

- Do you feel that the comparison of sheep and humans is accurate?
- What qualities of sheep can you relate to?
- How can we better trust God as shepherd?

READ

[Psalm 23:1-3](#)(NIV)

“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.”

THINK

God continues to guide us and provide for us. He provides for us when we fear things are scarce. He provides what we need when we don’t even know we need it. We can have confidence that we have everything that we need because God is all we need.

- How do you trust God when things are scarce?
- Why do we have a hard time trusting God to provide for us?

All too often, we allow our future worries to get in the way of living in the present. What we have to realize is when we release our future worries we can embrace and enjoy God’s present blessings.

- What future worries do you let get in the way of today?
- How can we release our future worries?
- What does it look like to embrace God’s present blessings?

PRAY

God, help me to trust you even in time scarcity. Help me to not be distracted by my worries and wants, but to focus on your provision.

ACT

This week, take some intentional time to rest in God’s presence. When in God’s presence, remind yourself that He has a plan for your life and will provide what you need.

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