



He Leads Me  
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Psalm 23:2  
June 30, 2024

Life Change: We willingly follow the Great Shepherd

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Rest

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Provision

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Guidance

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Turn from the filthy pools

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# JOYFULLY

following the Shepherd

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**Psalm 23 CSB**



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**I can't get no satisfaction  
I can't get no satisfaction  
'Cause I try and I try and I try  
and I try  
I can't get no; no, no, no  
– Mick Jagger & Keith  
Richards, "Satisfaction"**

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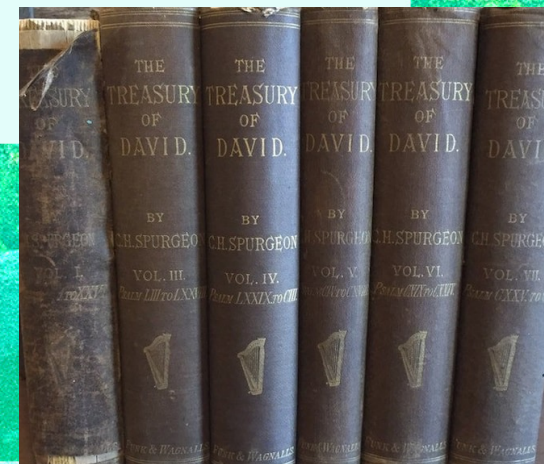
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**Psalm 23 CSB**



**I have all things and abound; not because I have a good store of money in the bank, not because I have skill and wit with which to win my bread, but because the LORD is my Shepherd. The wicked always want, but the righteous never; a sinner's heart is far from satisfaction, but a gracious spirit dwells in the palace of content. – from C.H. Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David***

courtesy Todd Klassy





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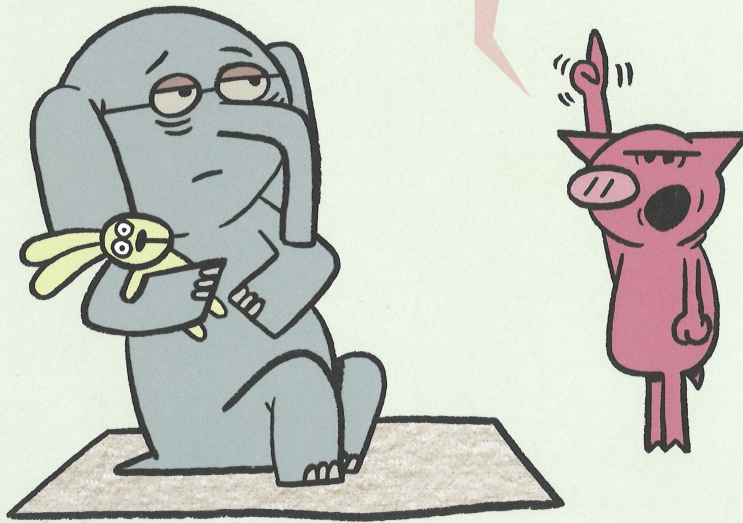


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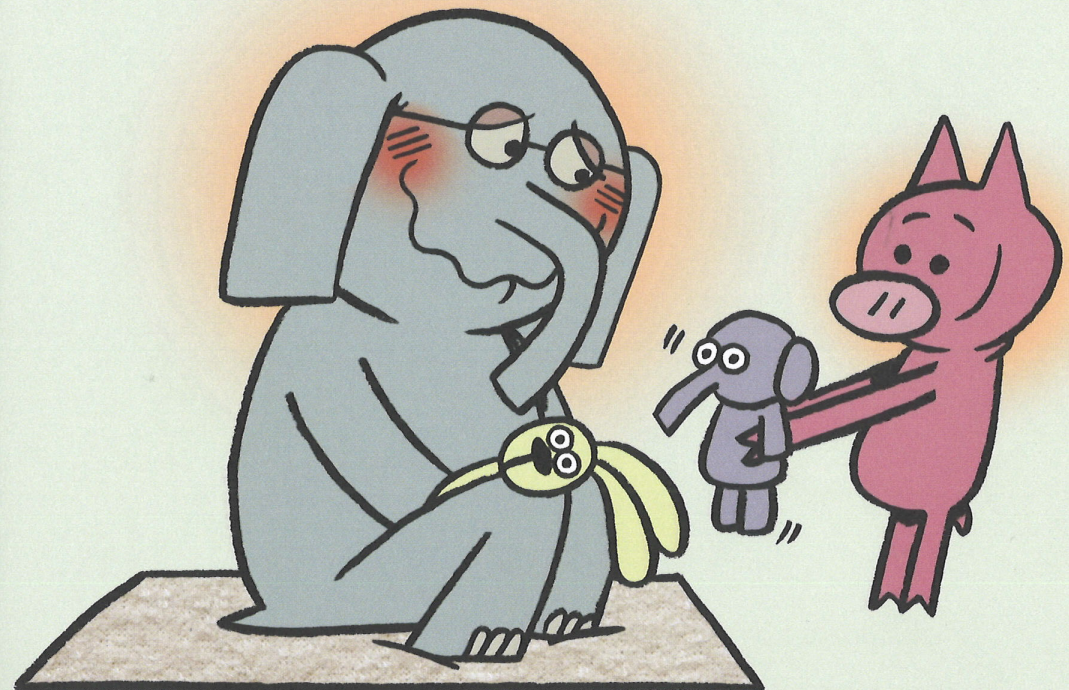
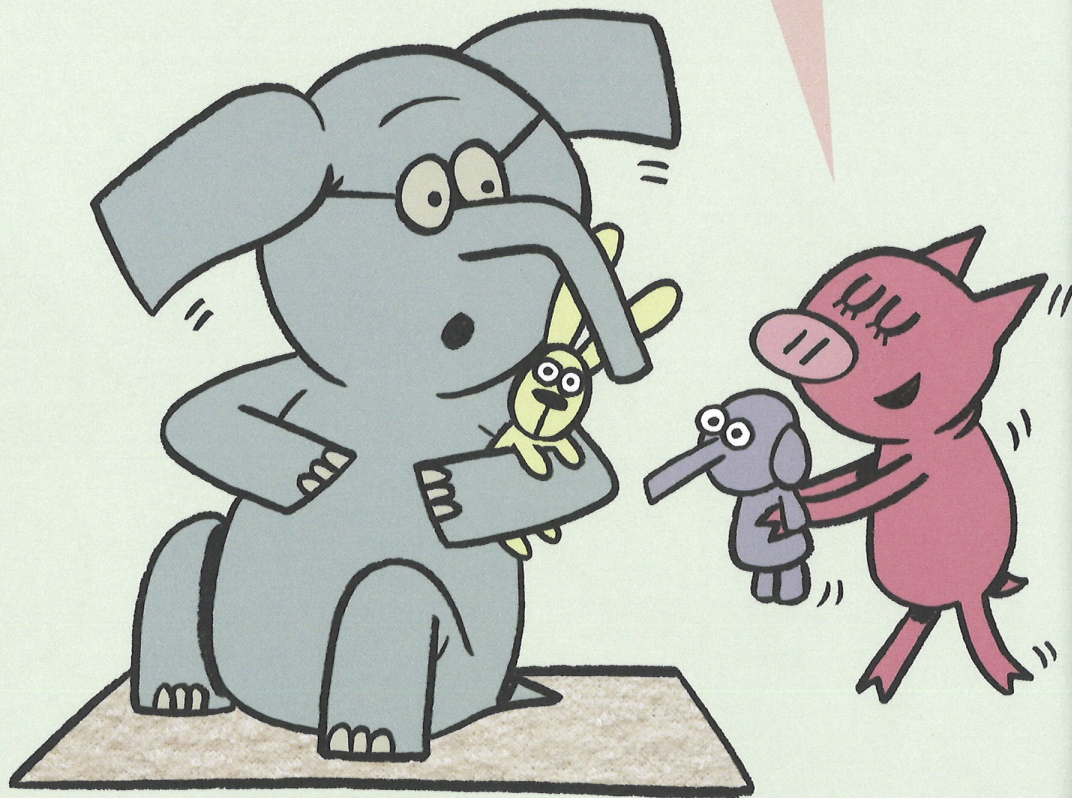
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MAYBE  
I NEED  
A NAP!



I like to nap  
with my special  
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*Good Shepherd*  
Baths of Diocletian  
A.D. 4<sup>th</sup> c.



A scenic mountain landscape with a river, green pastures, and sheep grazing. The scene is set in a valley with steep, forested mountainsides. In the foreground, a lush green field is dotted with small white and yellow flowers. A herd of sheep is grazing in the field. In the background, a river flows through the valley, and the sky is filled with soft, white clouds.

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**Many of the great sheep countries of the world are dry, semiarid areas. Most breeds of sheep flourish best in this sort of terrain. They are susceptible to fewer hazards of health or parasites where the climate is dry. But in those same regions it is neither natural nor common to find**

**green pastures. David wrote this Psalm and kept his father's flocks...near Bethlehem – a dry, brown, sunburned wasteland. – W. Philip Keller, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23***





courtesy OSU; NDSU



**<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.**

**2 Peter 1 CSB**



courtesy pinterest

## A shepherd battles diseases that plague grazing animals:

- **Bluetongue**
- **Foot rot**
- **Anthrax**
- **Johne's**
- **Black quarter, etc.**





foot rot photo courtesy Texas A&M



*Shepherds defend their flocks*  
unknown Greek manuscript artist  
11<sup>th</sup> c.



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**<sup>4</sup> “The sheep follow him [the shepherd] because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don’t know the voice of strangers... <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me”**

**John 10 CSB**

*Stampede*  
Alan Eckert  
2023



*Night Stampede*  
Andrew Tester  
2006

courtesy Geograph; The sheep eyes look demonic!



courtesy Istanbul News

**16 This is what the LORD says:  
Stand by the roadways and look.  
Ask about the ancient paths,  
“Which is the way to what is good?”  
Then take it  
and find rest for yourselves.**

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and said, “Listen for the sound of the trumpet.”  
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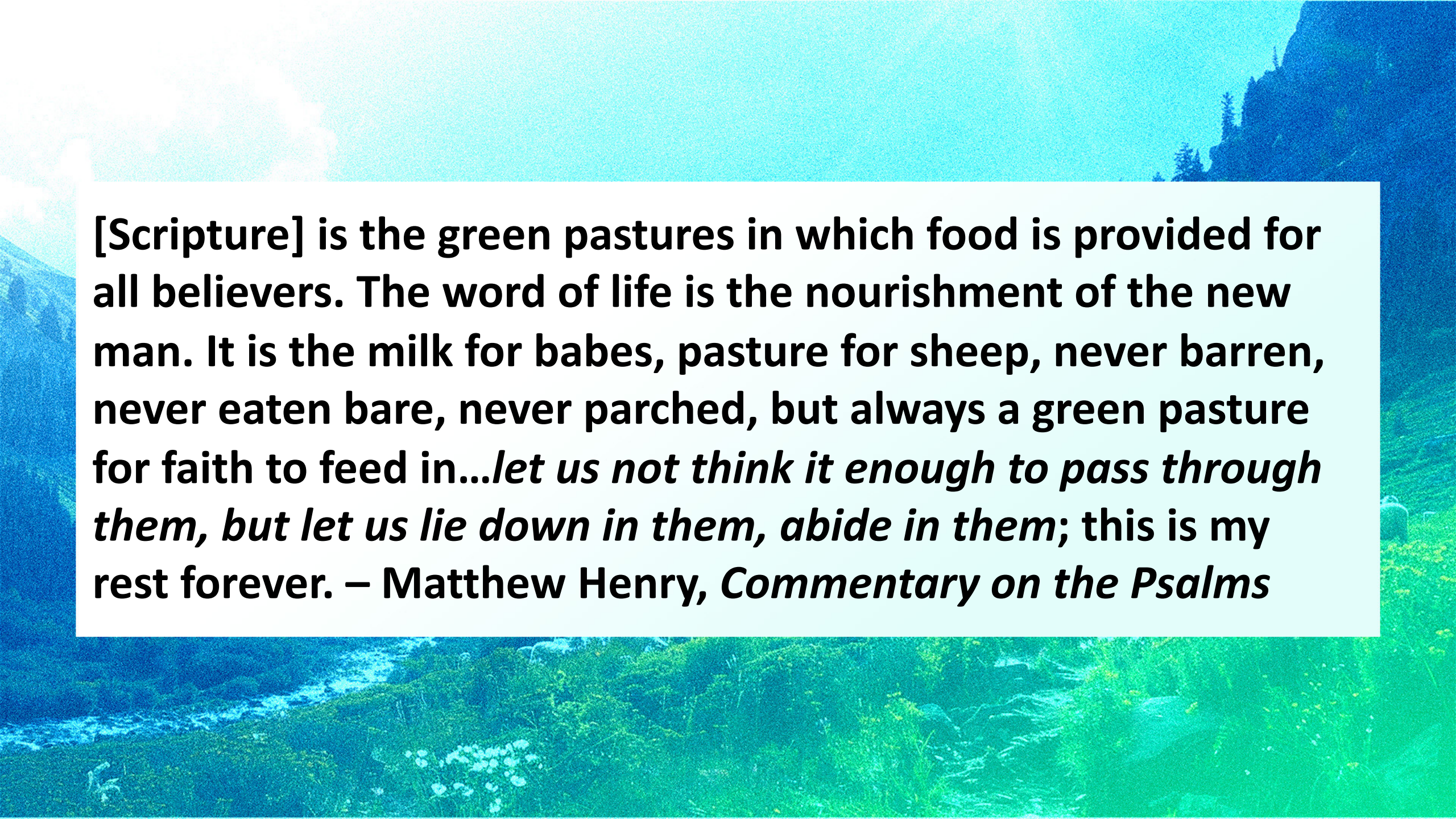
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**[Scripture] is the green pastures in which food is provided for all believers. The word of life is the nourishment of the new man. It is the milk for babes, pasture for sheep, never barren, never eaten bare, never parched, but always a green pasture for faith to feed in...*let us not think it enough to pass through them, but let us lie down in them, abide in them; this is my rest forever.* – Matthew Henry, *Commentary on the Psalms***



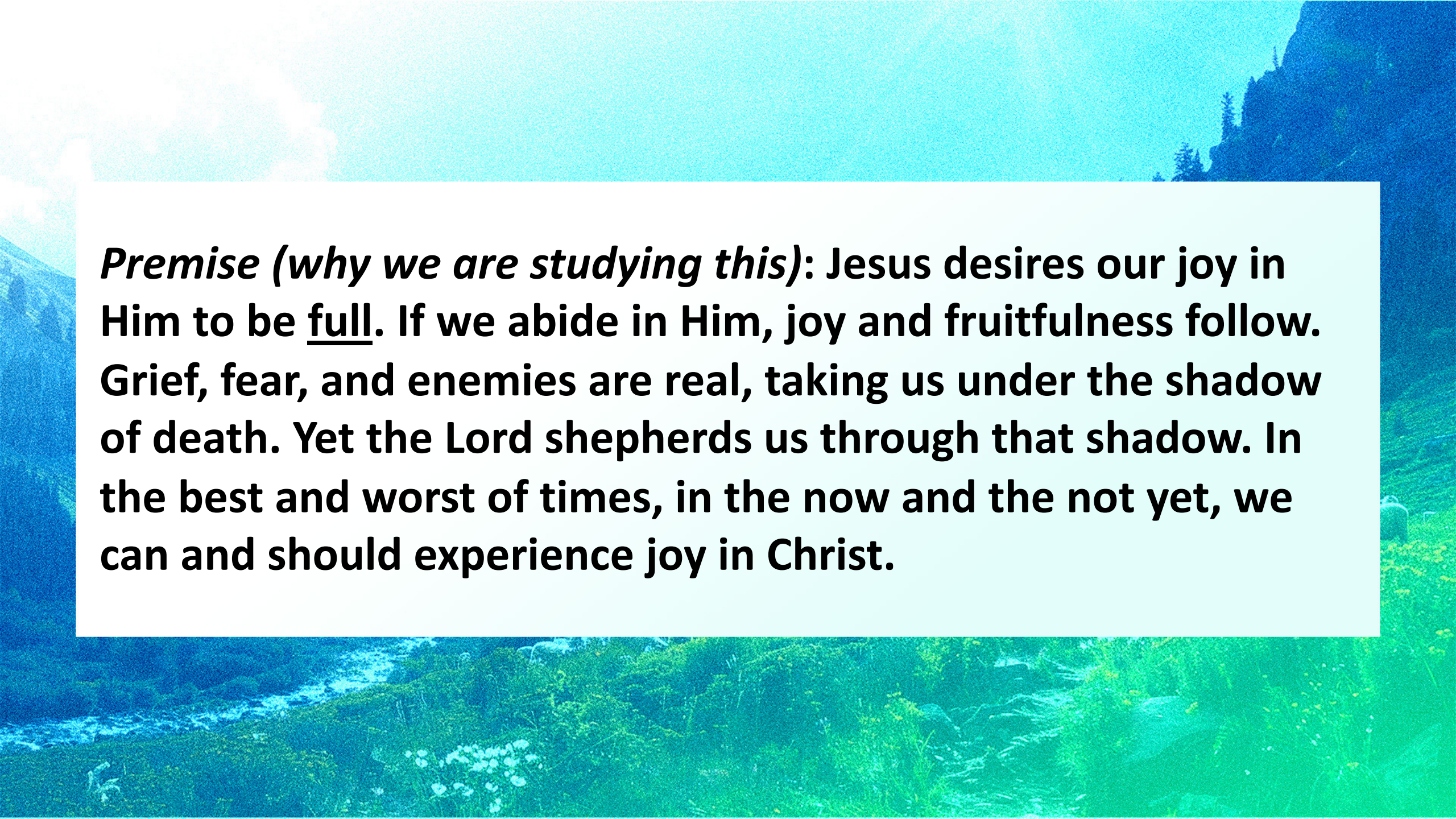
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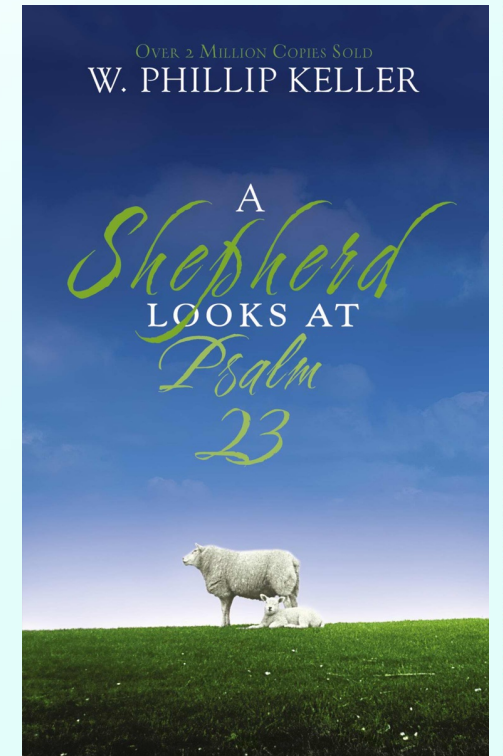
***Premise (why we are studying this):* Jesus desires our joy in Him to be full. If we abide in Him, joy and fruitfulness follow. Grief, fear, and enemies are real, taking us under the shadow of death. Yet the Lord shepherds us through that shadow. In the best and worst of times, in the now and the not yet, we can and should experience joy in Christ.**

A scenic mountain landscape with a river, green fields, and sheep grazing, framed by a large white circle. The background shows a valley with a river, green fields, and sheep grazing. The sky is blue with some clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**I have told you these things  
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Yes, your joy  
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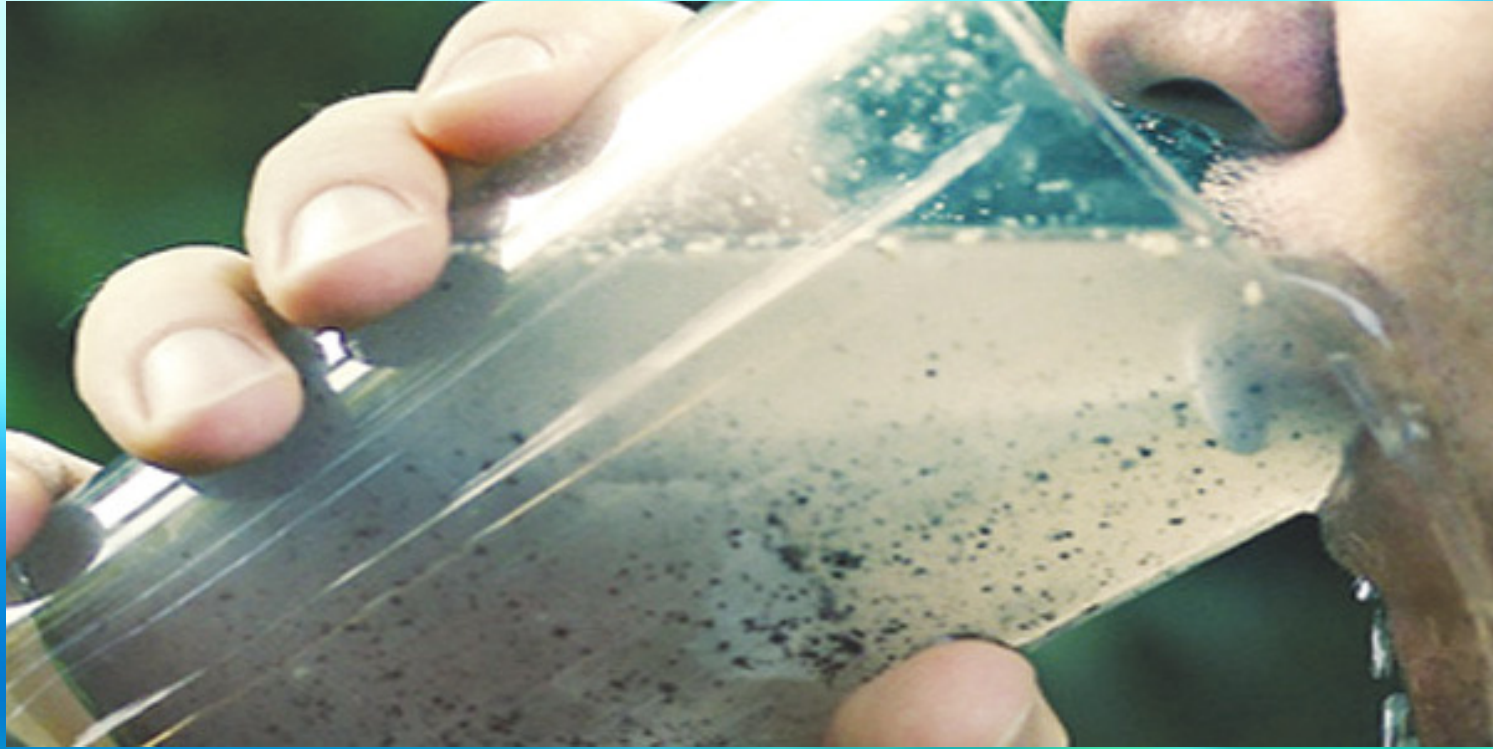


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***The Good Shepherd*  
Signe Sandelin  
2014**





No.

courtesy Tim Green



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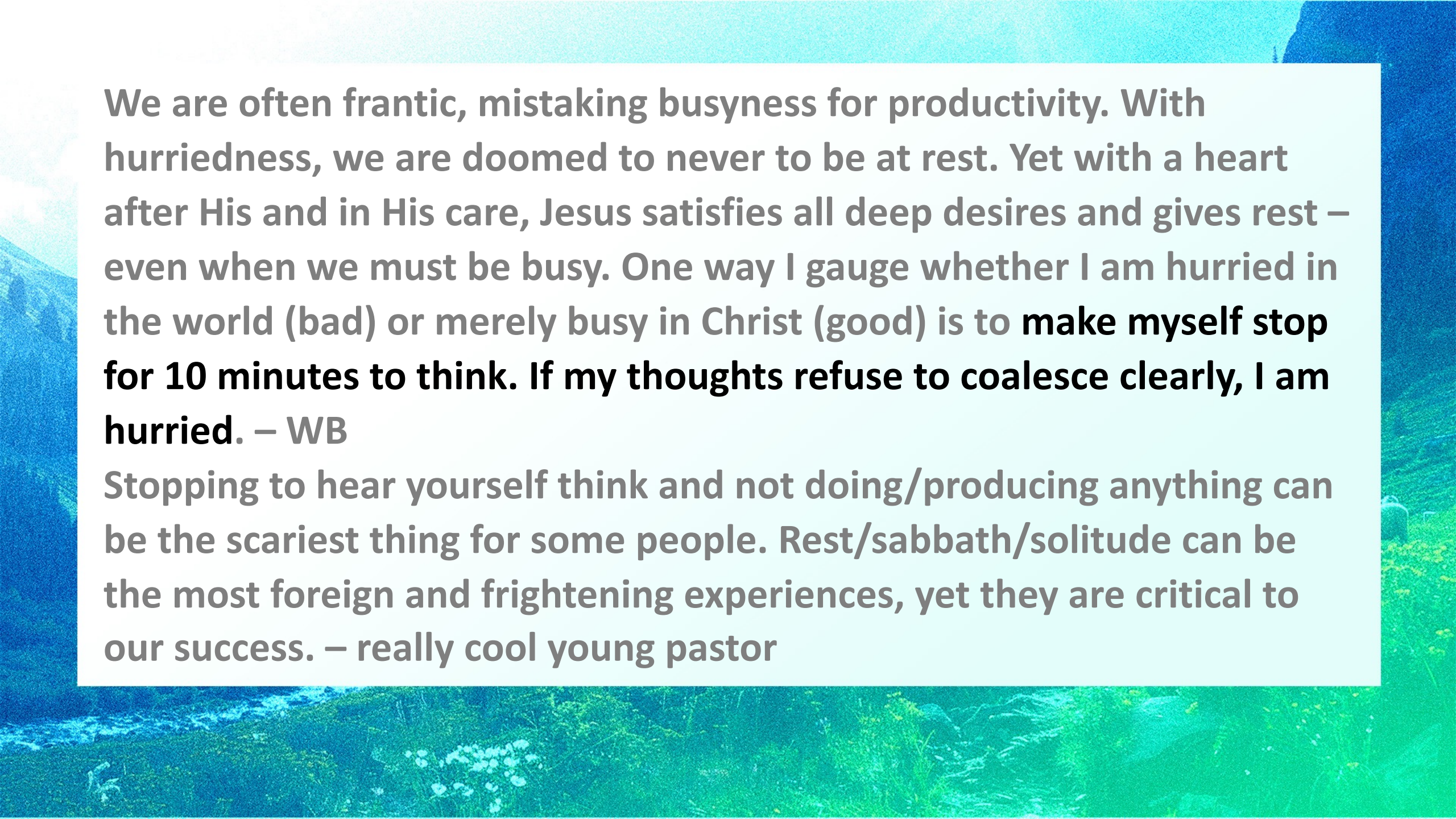
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- **Political right-leaning** says: it's greatly their own fault. They should have prepared better and helping them might hurt in the long run.
- **Political left-leaning** says: Let's blame people who are productive, then raise taxes to start a new government entitlement program.



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**I CAN'T  
MY KIDS  
HAVE PRACTICE,  
A GAME,  
OR SOMETHING**





courtesy depositphotos

**Research shows that one of the most effective ways to build character development in children is through play. That's why we want the world of sports to play a pivotal role in our children's lives. But, as a former collegiate athlete and now a parent of athletes, my question is this: Has our parental justification for character development in sports actually...degraded our children's spiritual compass? We [must remember] that ruthless competition produces joyless and success-obsessed children. – Michelle Reyes, "Are Sports Good for Our Kids?"**





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**What are the green pastures  
but the Scriptures of truth –  
always fresh, always rich, and  
never exhausted? When by  
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**19 And my God will supply all your needs according to his  
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**Philippians 4 CSB**



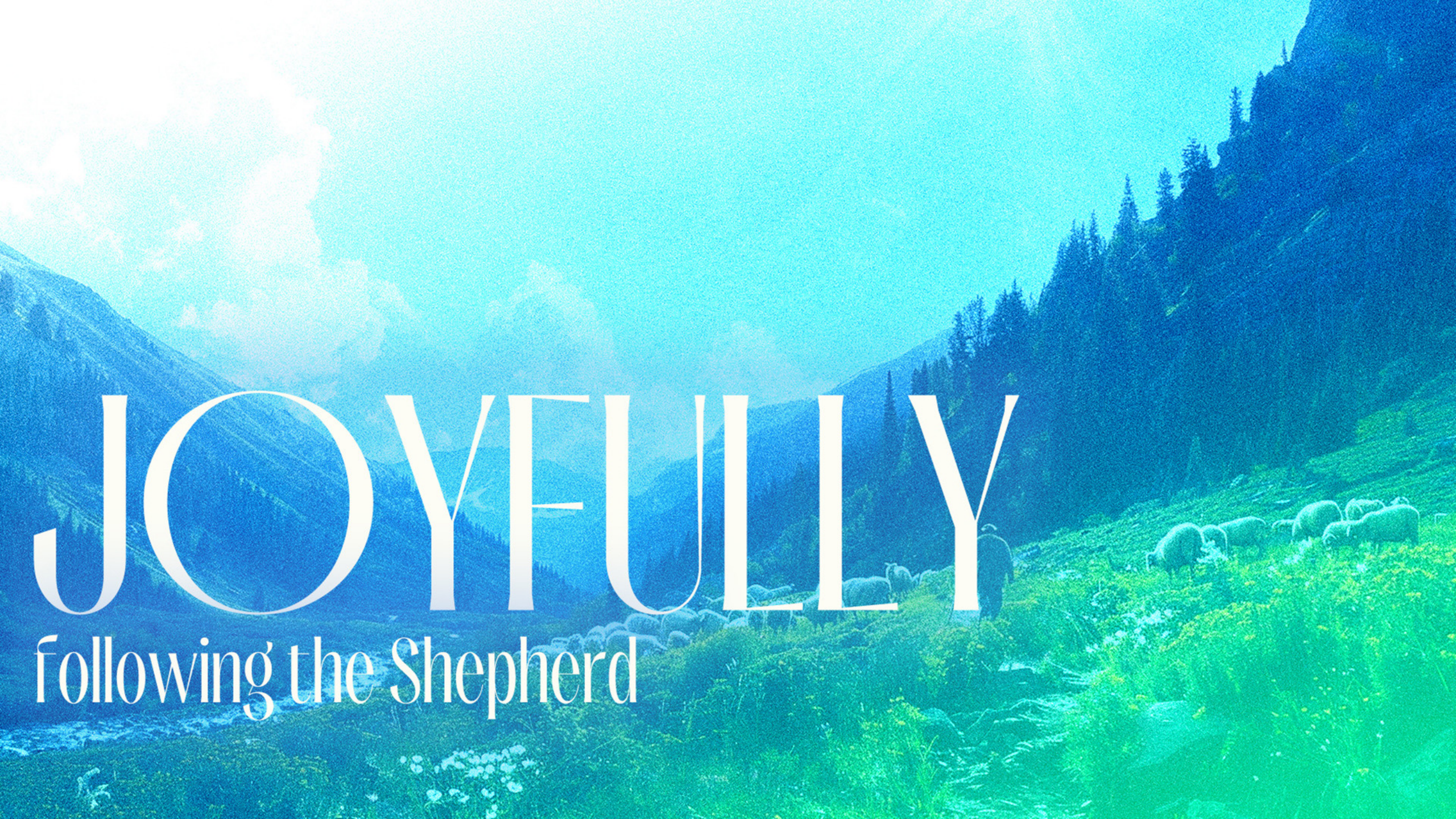
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**Romans 4:17 The kingdom of God  
is not eating and drinking, but  
righteousness, peace, and joy  
in the Holy Spirit.**





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