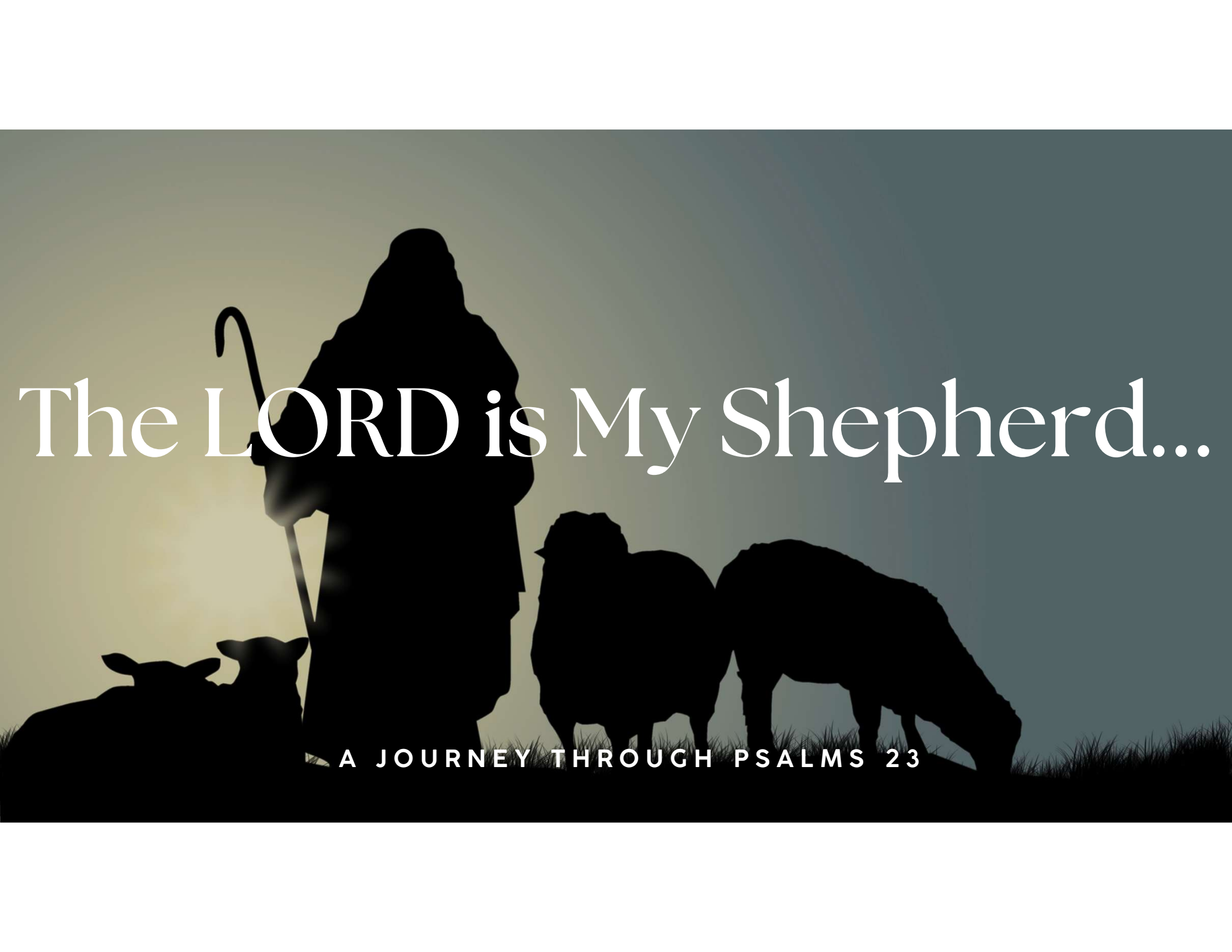


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The LORD is My Shepherd...

A JOURNEY THROUGH PSALMS 23

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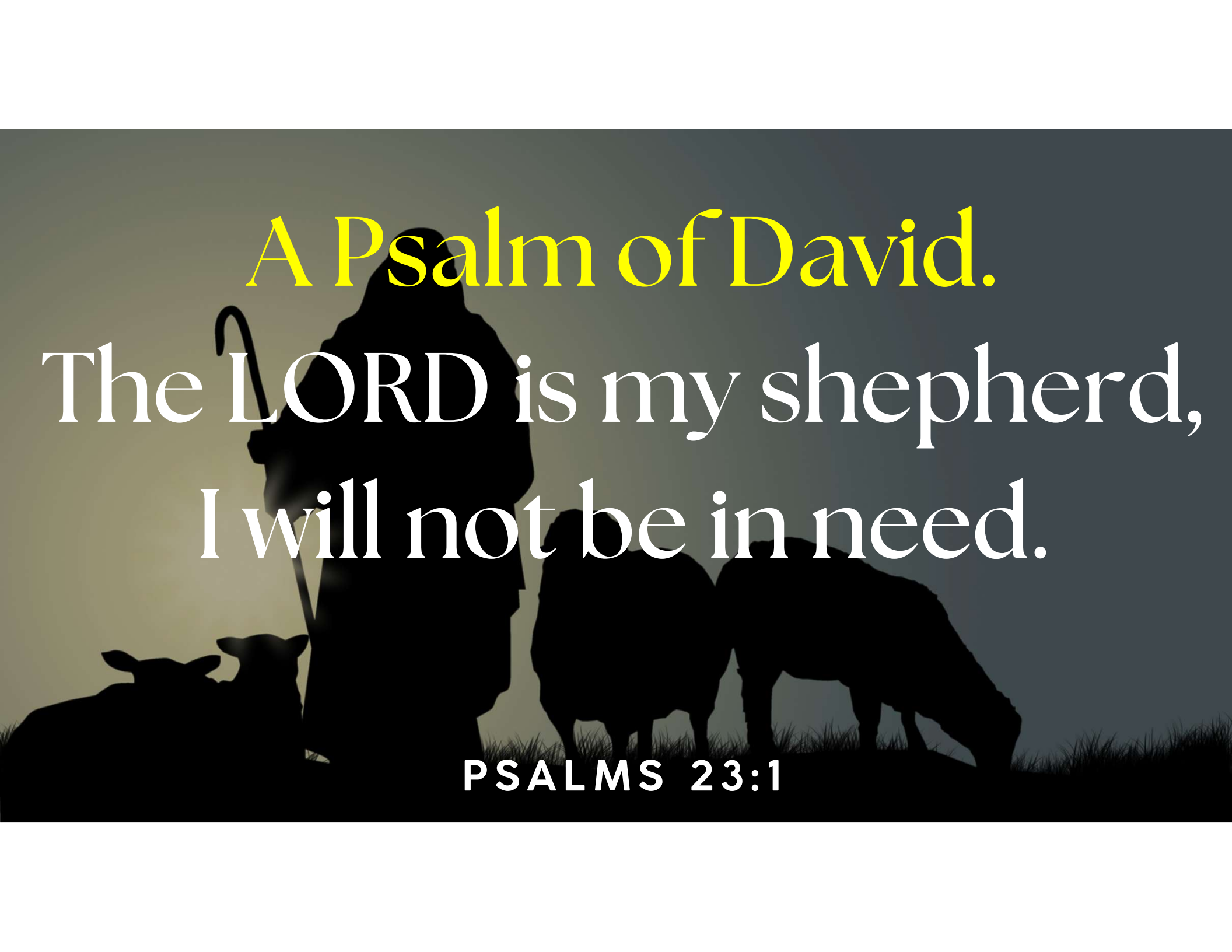
PSALMS 23

What is a Shepherd?



Shepherd's With A Sense of Humor at Shearing time.



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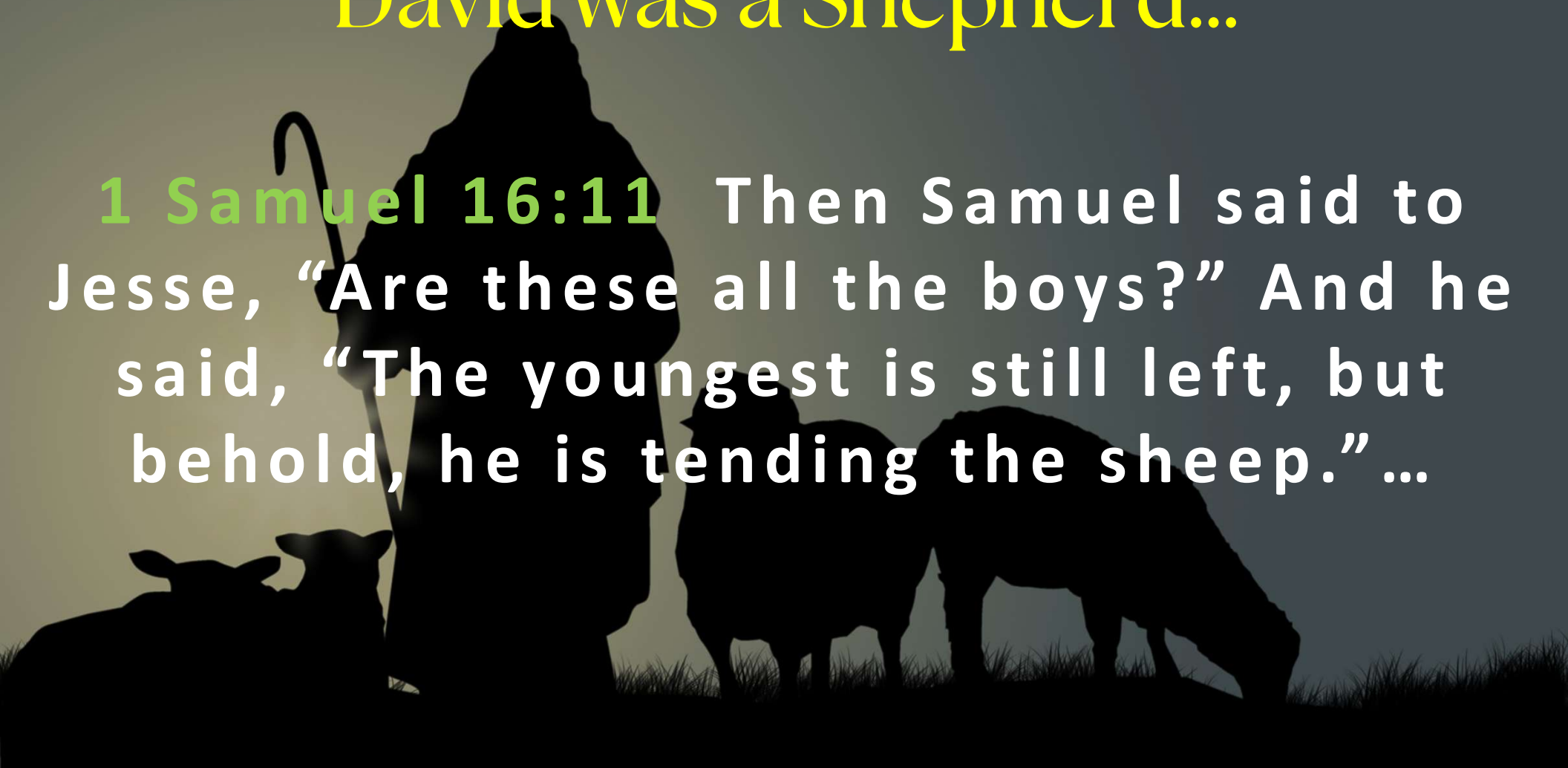
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The LORD is my shepherd,
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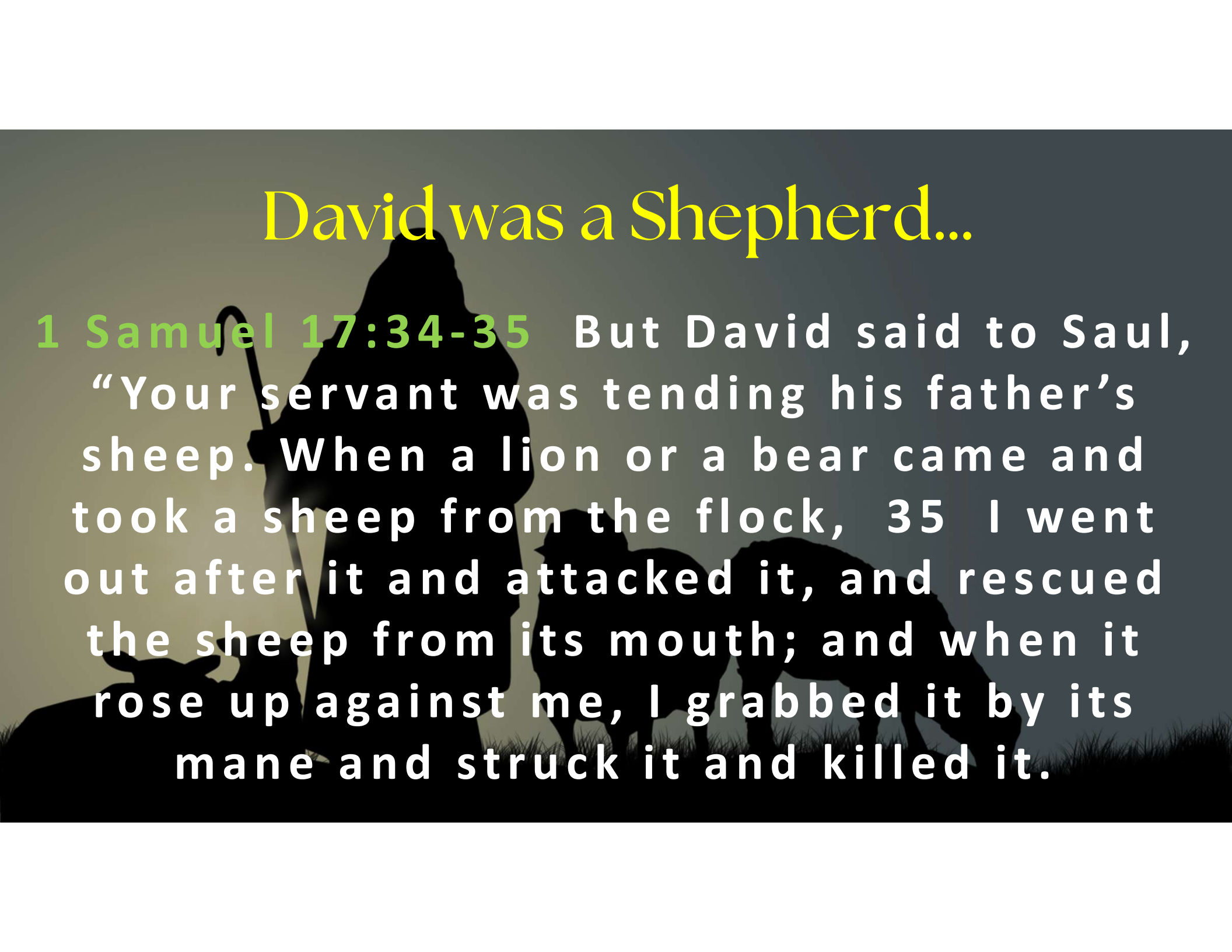
PSALMS 23:1

David was a Shepherd...

1 Samuel 16:11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are these all the boys?” And he said, “The youngest is still left, but behold, he is tending the sheep.”...



David was a Shepherd...

A silhouette of a shepherd standing with a staff, surrounded by sheep, set against a sunset background. The shepherd is positioned on the left, facing right, with a long staff in his right hand. Several sheep are visible in the foreground and middle ground, some facing the shepherd and others looking away. The background shows a bright sunset with a gradient from yellow to orange to dark blue.

1 Samuel 17:34-35 But David said to Saul,
“Your servant was tending his father’s
sheep. When a lion or a bear came and
took a sheep from the flock, 35 I went
out after it and attacked it, and rescued
the sheep from its mouth; and when it
rose up against me, I grabbed it by its
mane and struck it and killed it.

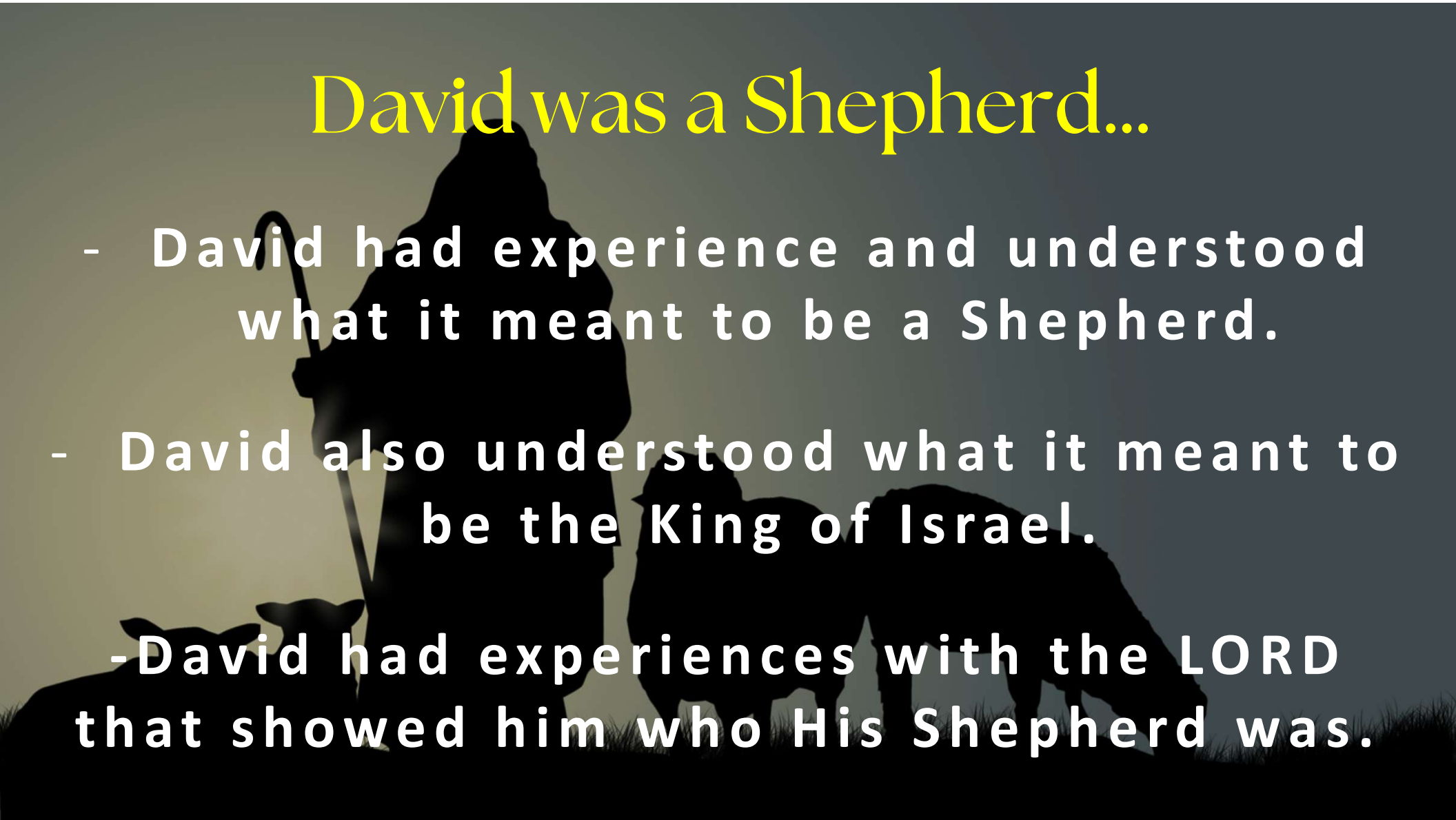
The LORD Being My GOOD SHEPHERD:
Getting me out of the mess I got myself
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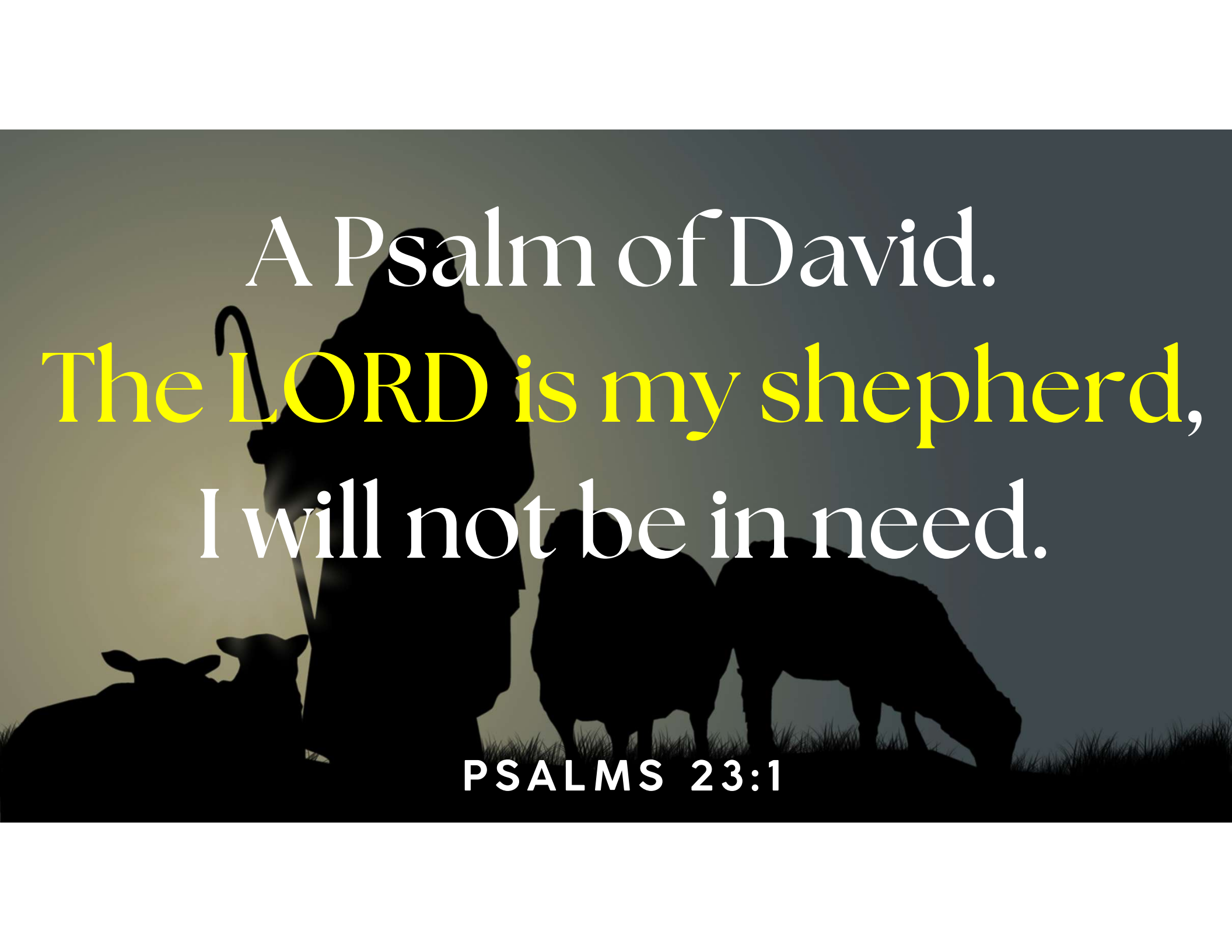
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David was a Shepherd...

- David had experience and understood what it meant to be a Shepherd.
- David also understood what it meant to be the King of Israel.
- David had experiences with the LORD that showed him who His Shepherd was.



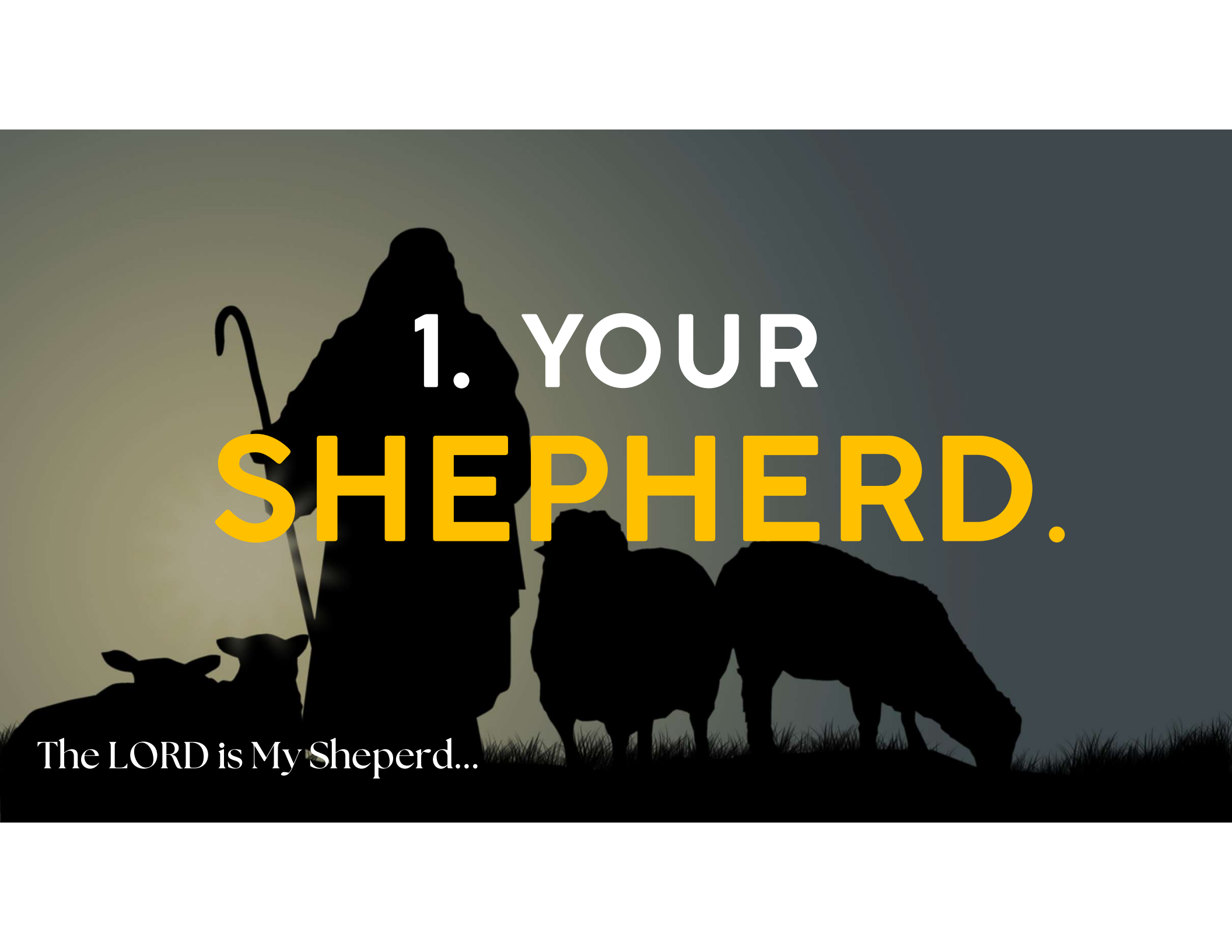
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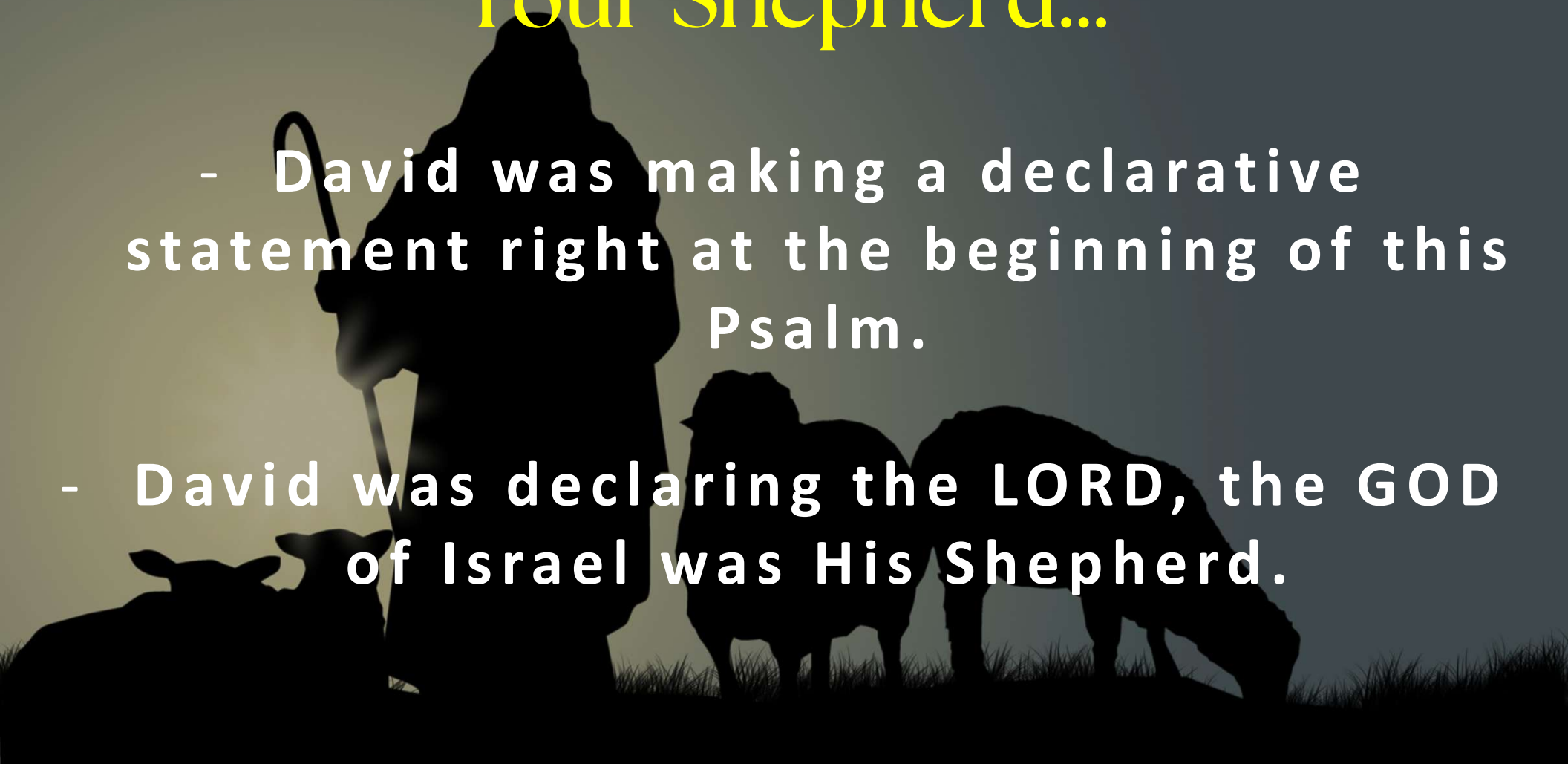
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1. YOUR SHEPHERD.

The LORD is My Sheperd...

Your Shepherd...

- David was making a declarative statement right at the beginning of this Psalm.
- David was declaring the LORD, the GOD of Israel was His Shepherd.





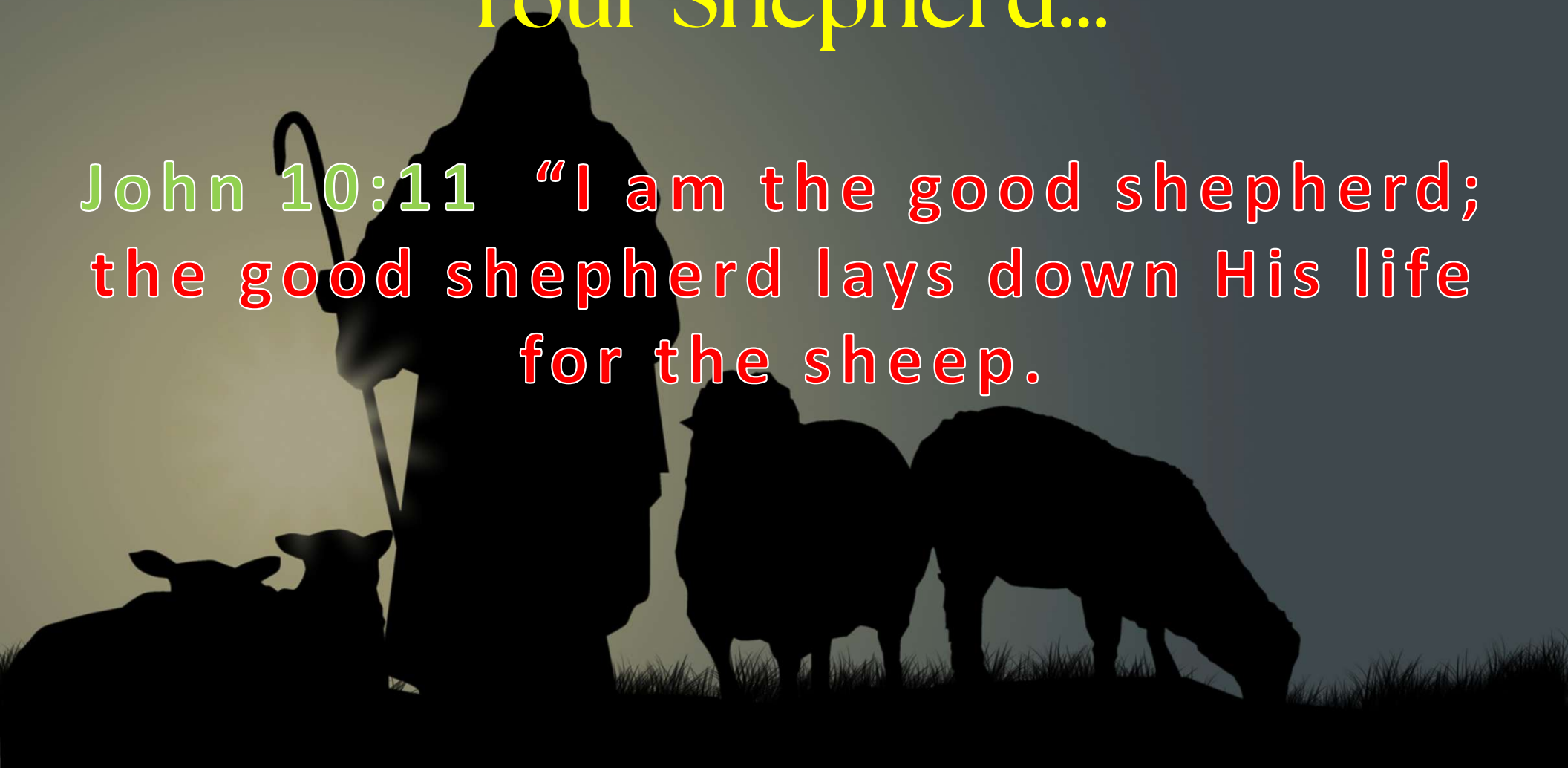
Your Shepherd...

Psalms 28:9 Save Your people and
bless Your inheritance; Be their
shepherd also, and carry them forever.



Your Shepherd...

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd;
the good shepherd lays down His life
for the sheep.

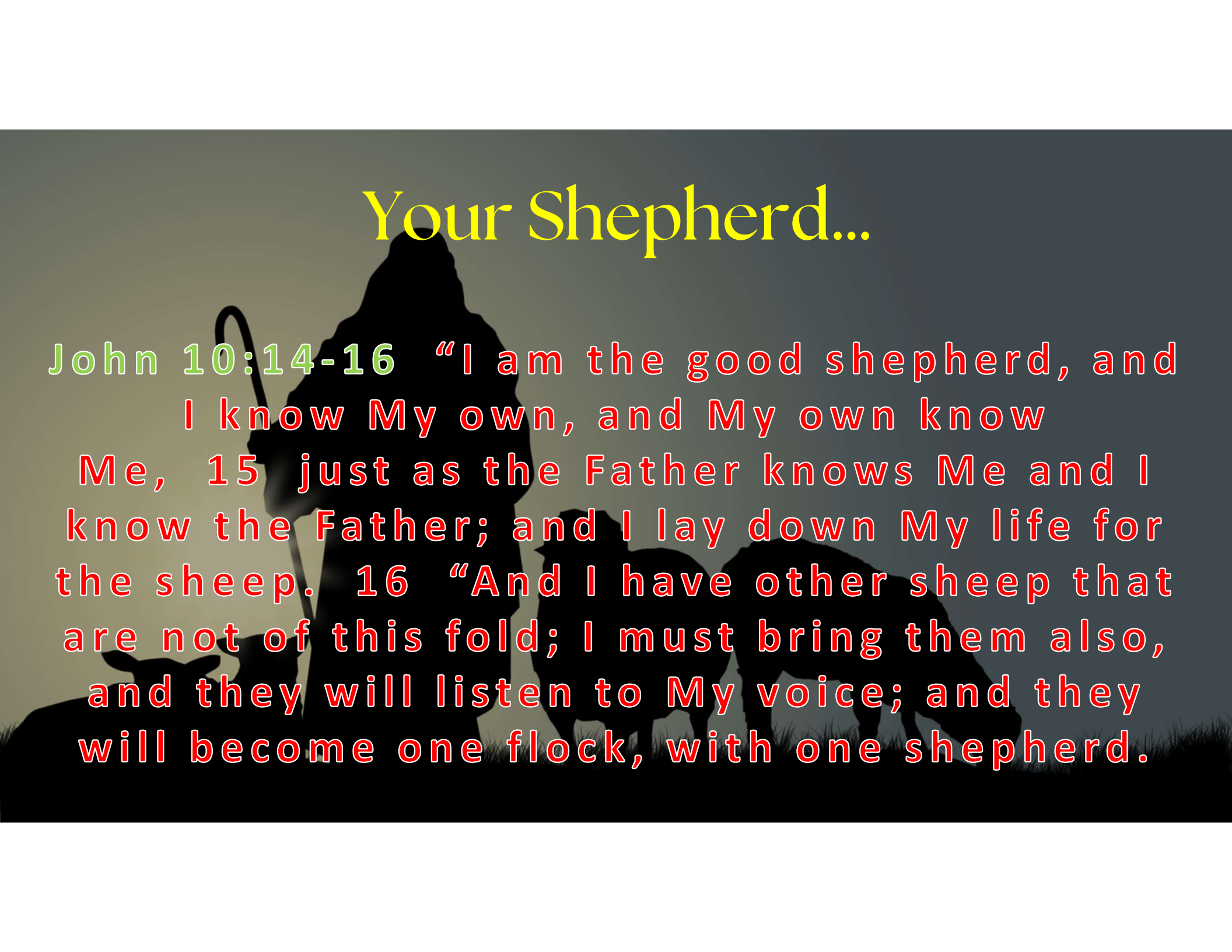


Jesus: I am the Good Shepherd. I love
all my sheep.

Me:

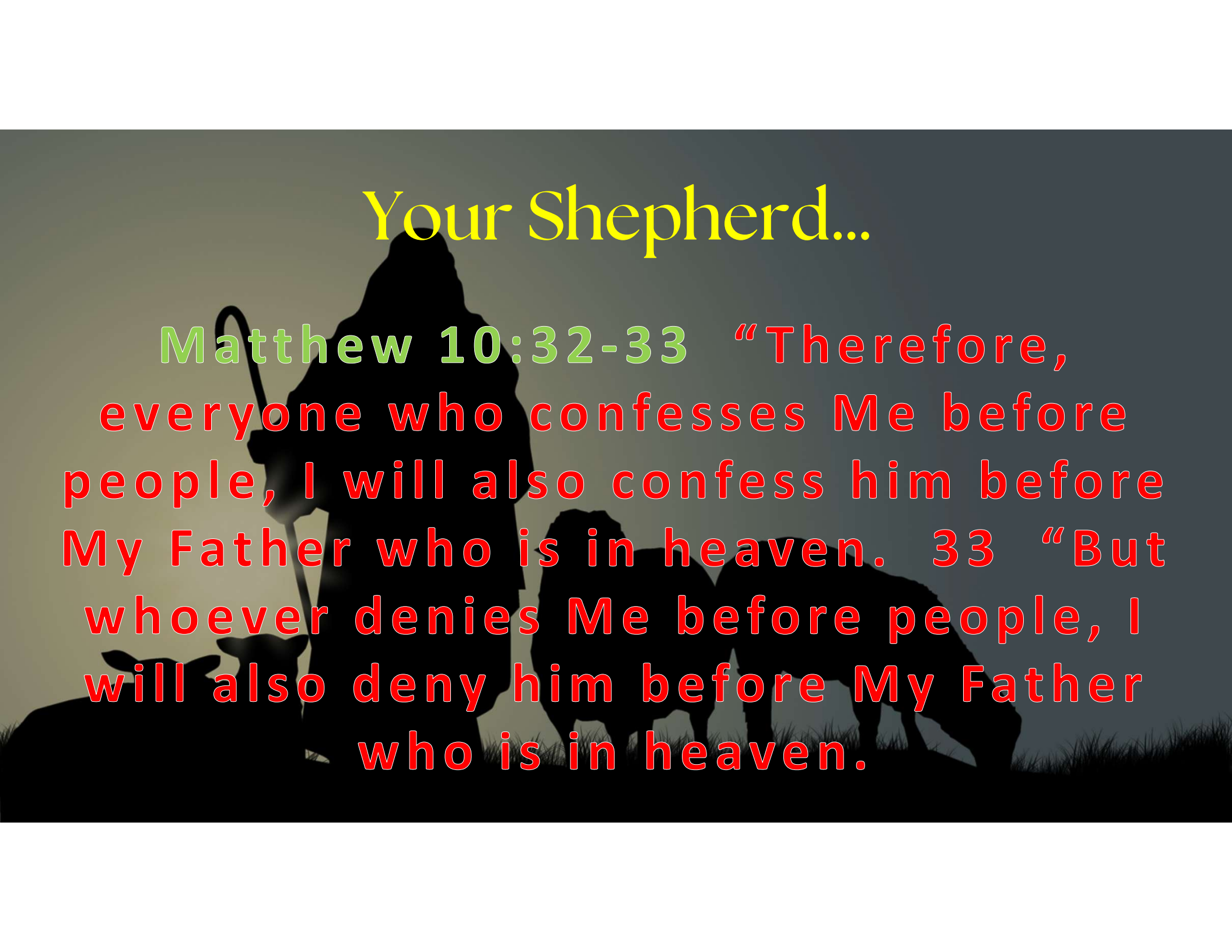


Your Shepherd...

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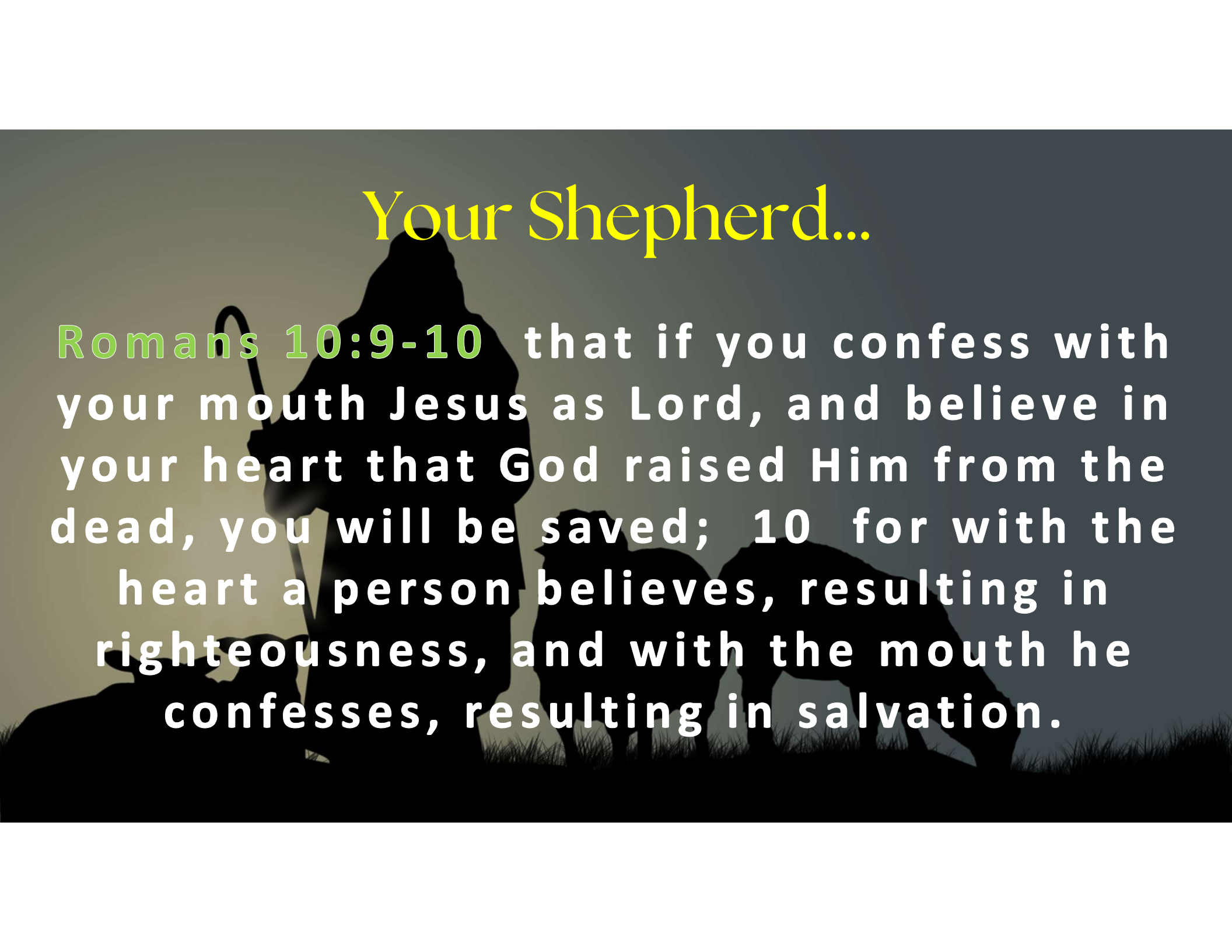
John 10:14-16 “I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, 15 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice; and they will become one flock, with one shepherd.

Your Shepherd...

A silhouette of a shepherd standing on a grassy hill, holding a long staff. Several sheep are grazing or standing around him. The background is a soft, hazy sky with a gradient from light to dark.

Matthew 10:32-33 “Therefore, everyone who confesses Me before people, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 “But whoever denies Me before people, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Your Shepherd...

A silhouette of a shepherd standing with a staff, surrounded by sheep, set against a warm, hazy sunset background. The shepherd is positioned on the left, facing right, with a long staff in his hand. Several sheep are visible in the foreground and middle ground, some facing the shepherd and others looking away. The background is a gradient of warm colors, from light yellow at the top to dark grey at the bottom, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and protective.

Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

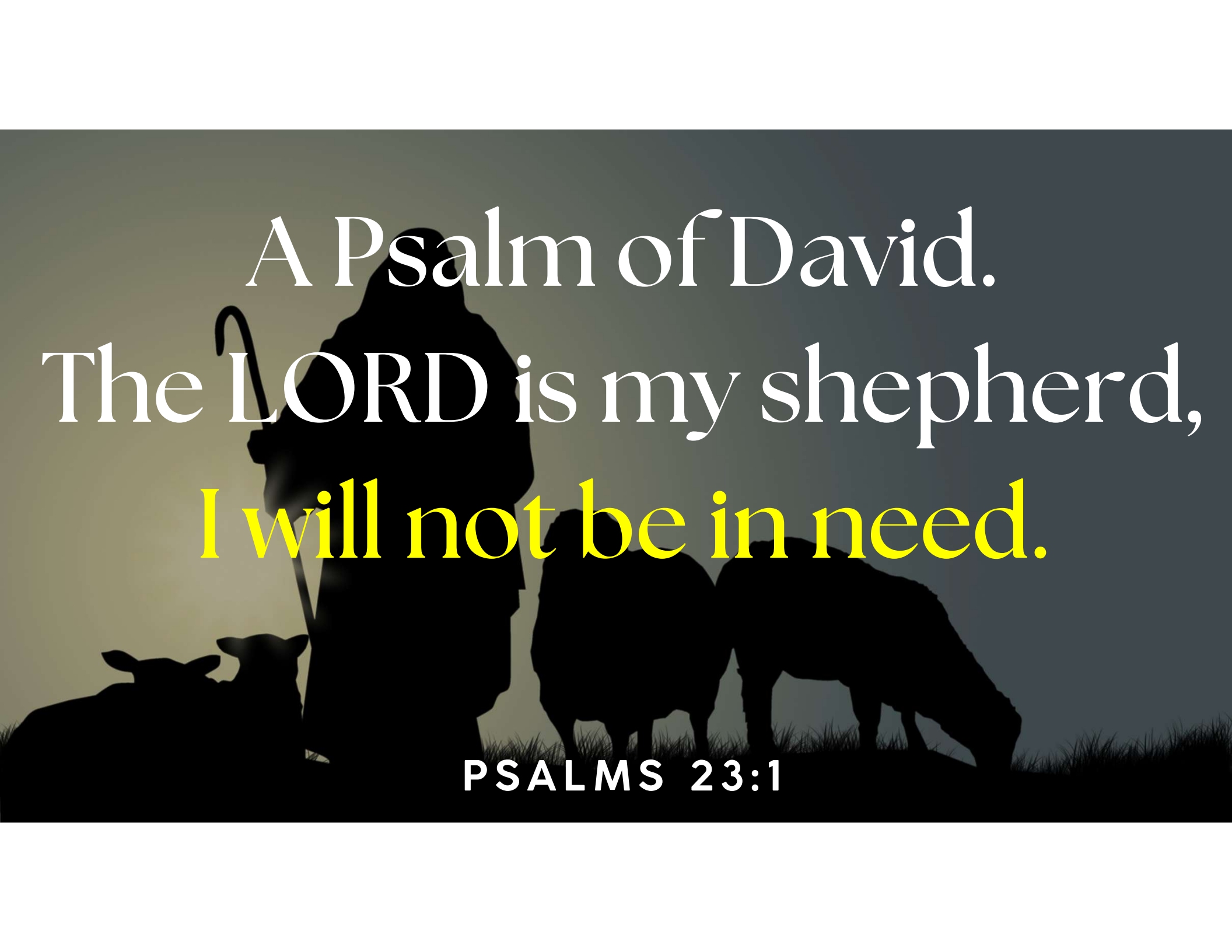
How Has the LORD Been
Your Shepherd?



**GIVE A SHEEP A PILE OF GRASS
AND IT WILL EAT FOR AN HOUR**

**GIVE A SHEEP A WHOLE FIELD
AND IT WILL EAT FOR ANOTHER HOUR**

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A Psalm of David.
The LORD is my shepherd,
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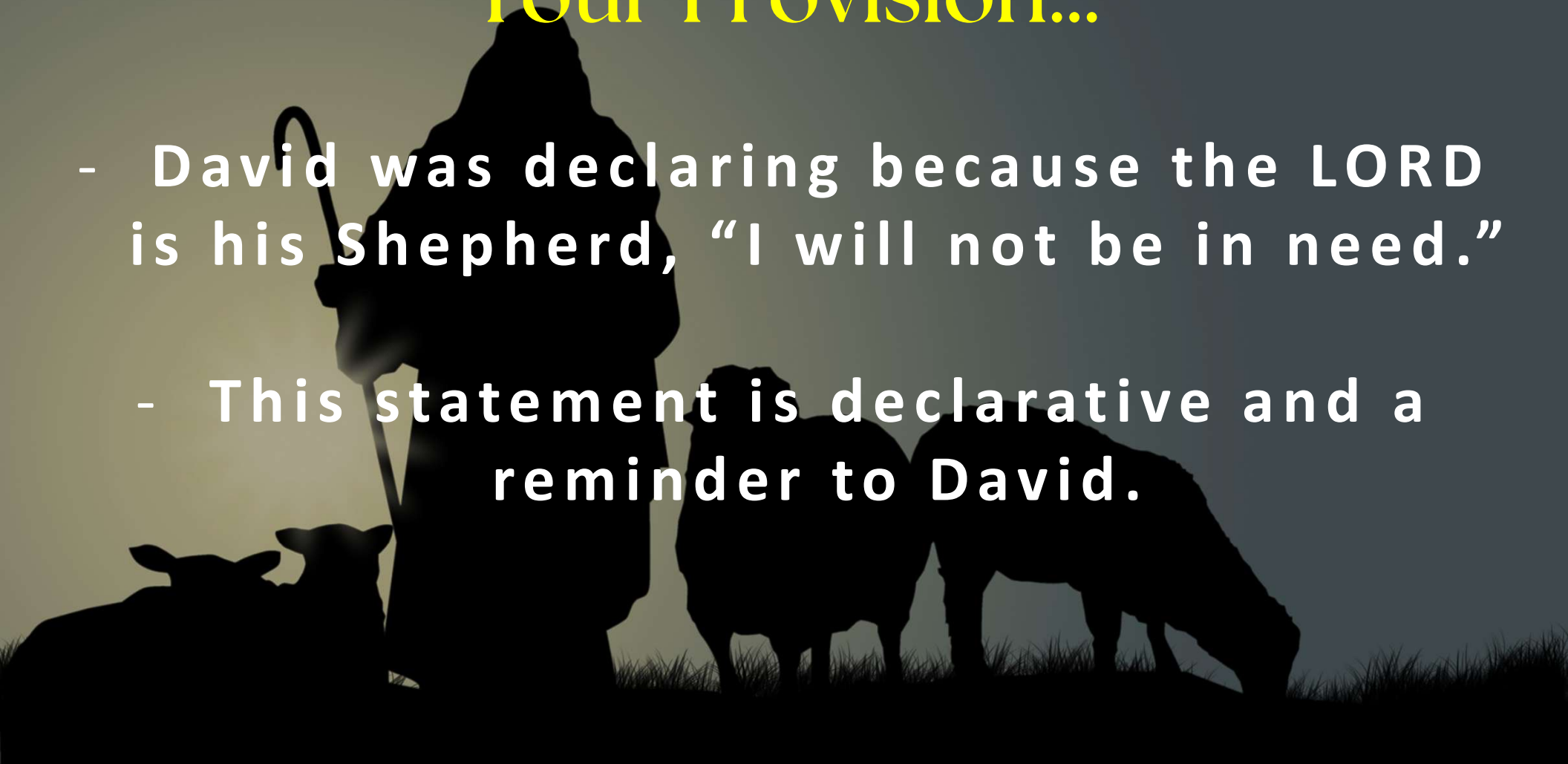
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2. YOUR PROVISION.

The LORD is My Sheperd...

Your Provision...

- David was declaring because the LORD is his Shepherd, "I will not be in need."
- This statement is declarative and a reminder to David.



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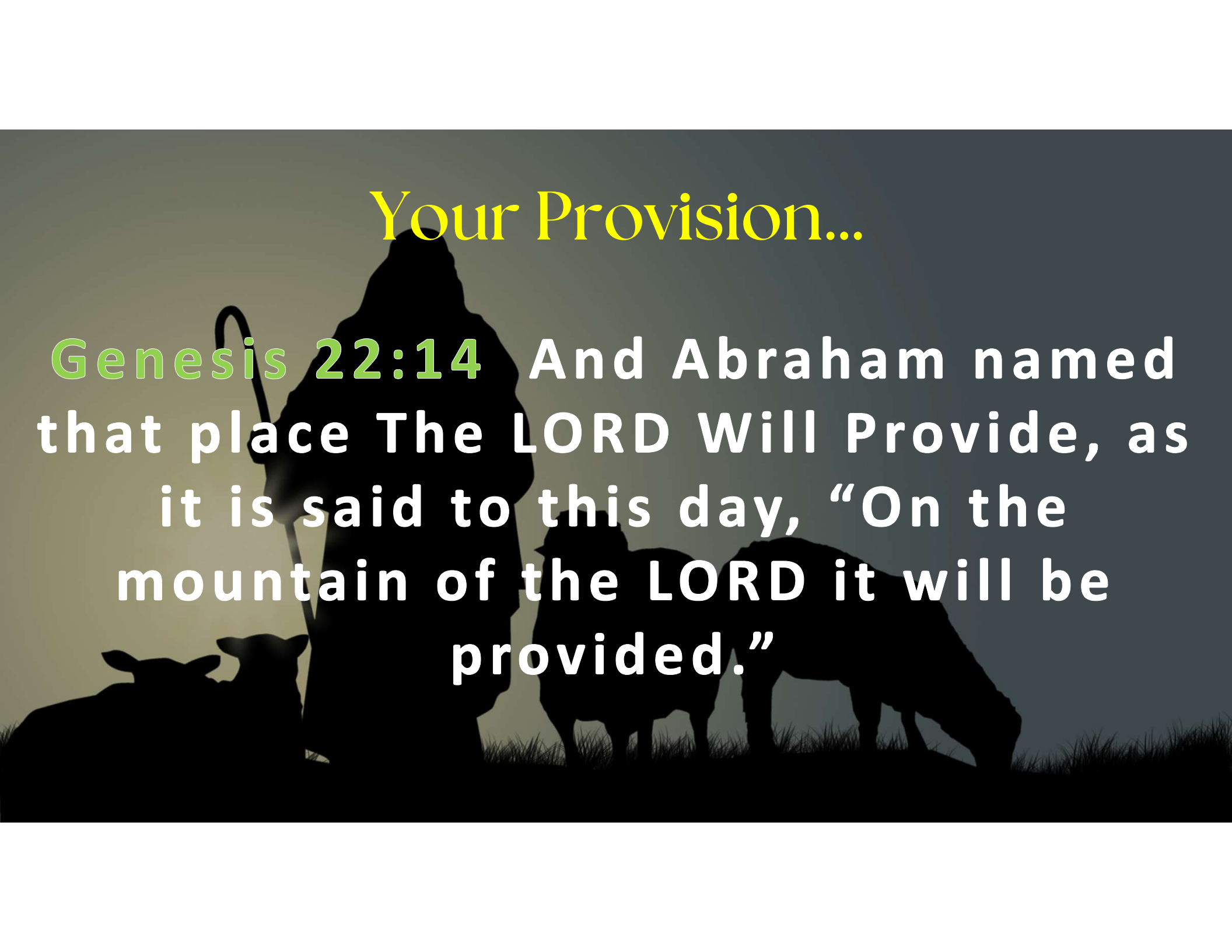
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GOD WILL
PROVIDE

— יהוה יִרְאֶה —

Your Provision...

Genesis 22:14 And Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

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Your Provision...

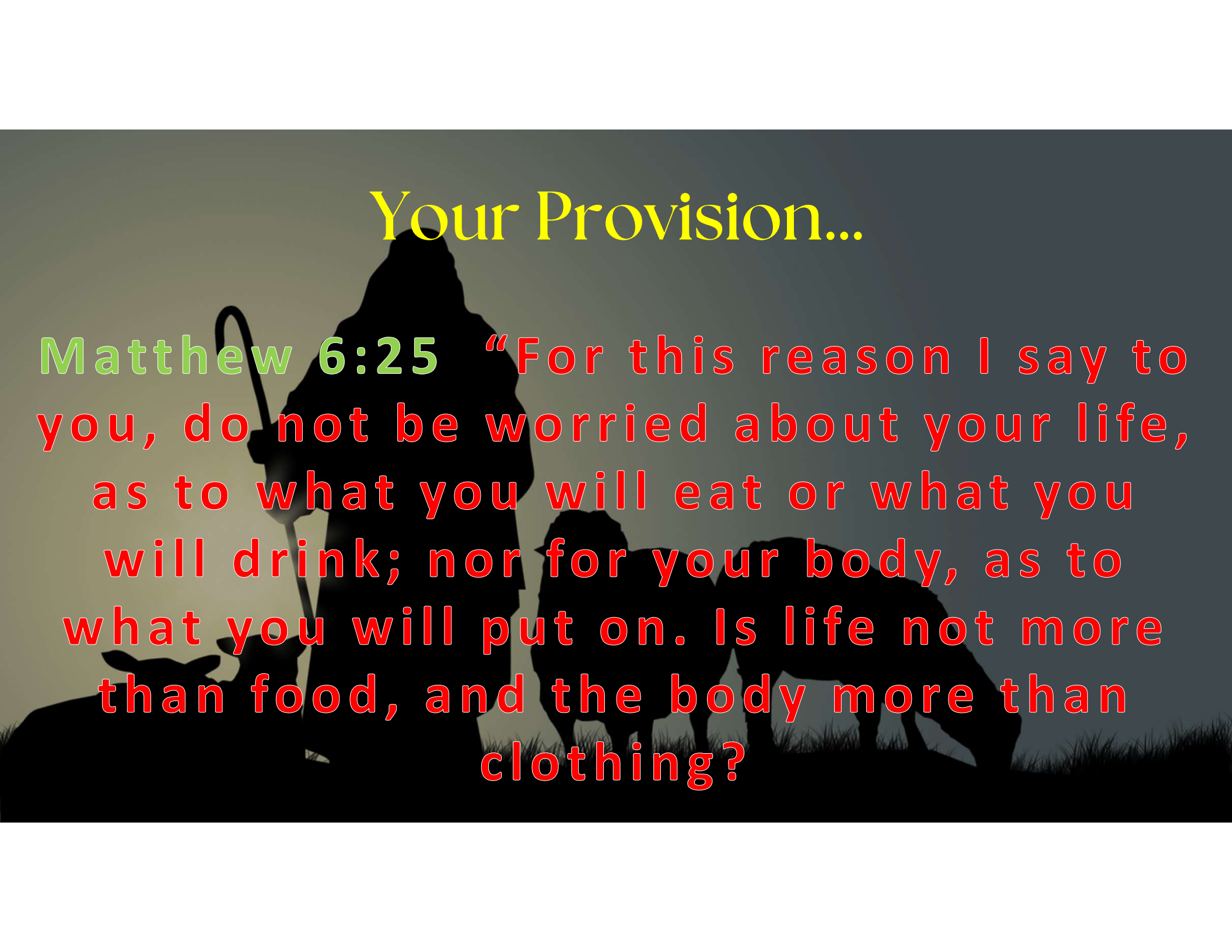
Philippians 4:19 And my God will
supply all your needs according to
His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.





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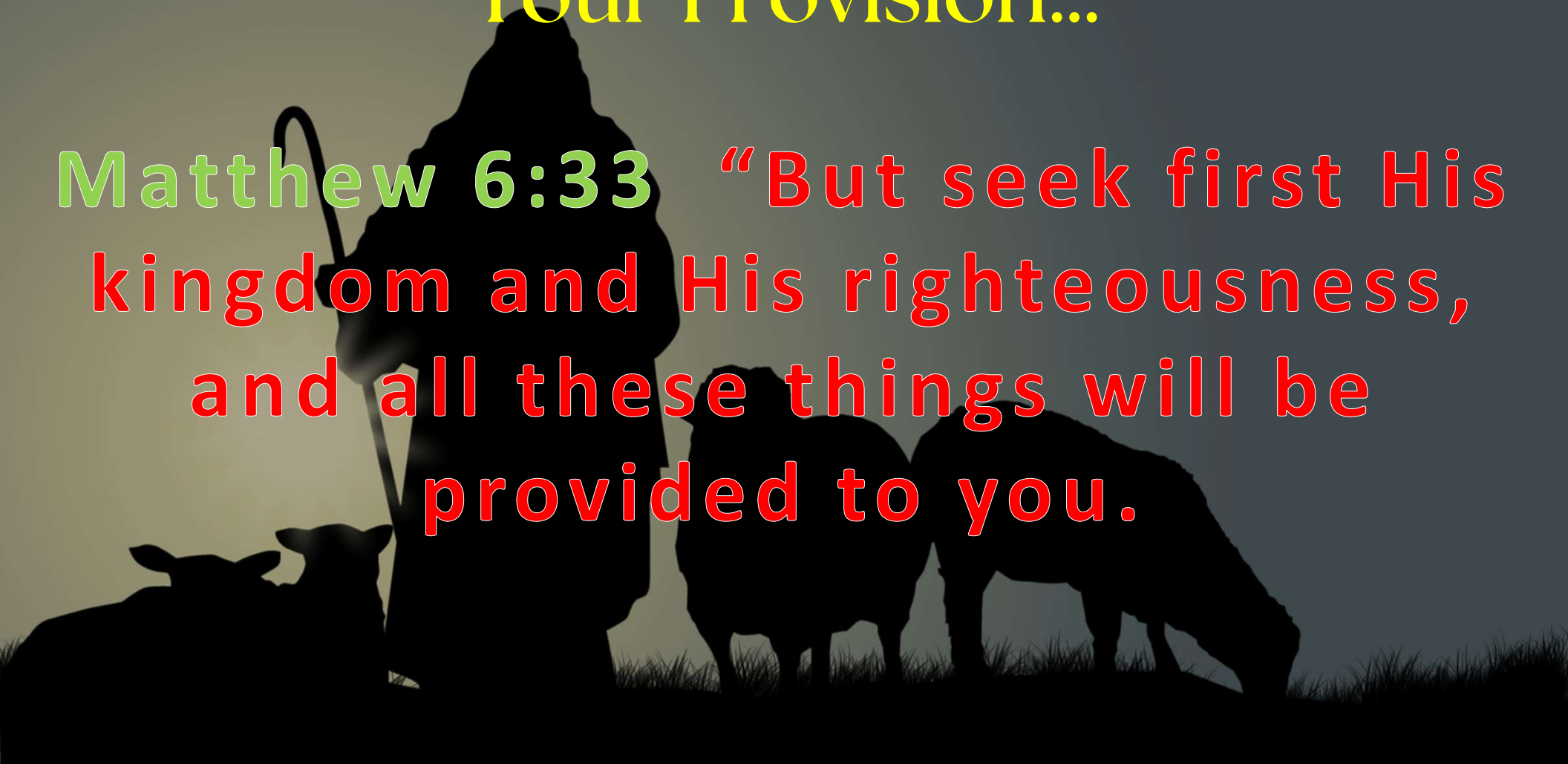
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Matthew 6:25 “For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

Your Provision...

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.



How Has the LORD Been
Your Provision?





This is Shrek, the renegade sheep that escaped and avoided shearing for 6 years.

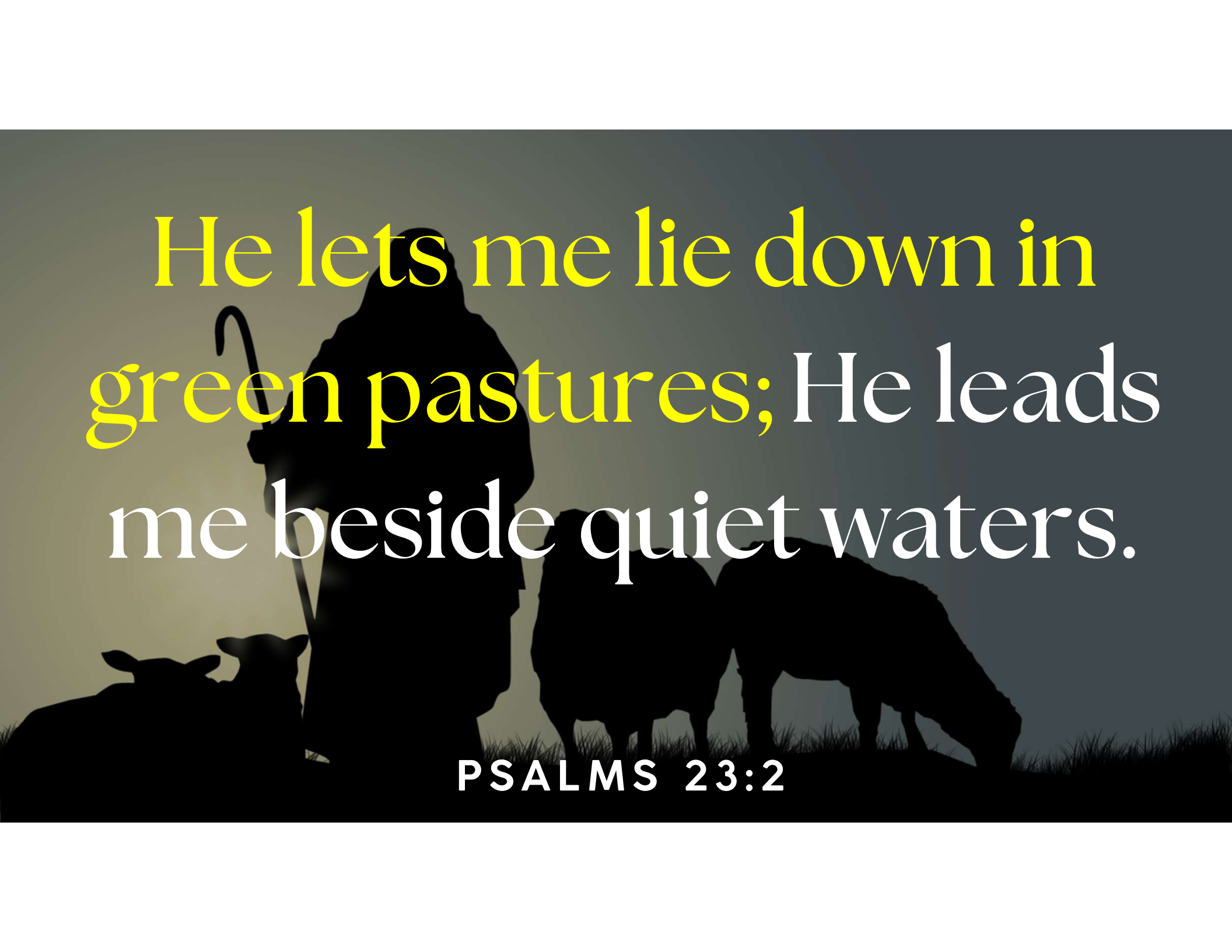
This is Shrek the sheep. He became famous several years ago when he was found after hiding out in caves for six years. Of course, during this time his fleece grew without anyone there to shorn (shave) it. When he was finally found and shaved, his fleece weighed an amazing sixty pounds. Most sheep have a fleece weighing just under ten pounds, with the exception usually reaching fifteen pounds, maximum. For six years, Shrek carried six times the regular weight of his fleece. Simply because he was away from his shepherd. This reminds me of John 10 when Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, and His followers are His sheep. Maybe it's a stretch, but I think Shrek is much like a person who knows Jesus Christ but has wandered. If we avoid Christ's constant refining of our character, we're going to accumulate extra weight in this world—a weight we don't have to bear.

When Shrek was found, a professional sheep shearer took care of Shrek's fleece in twenty-eight minutes. Shrek's sixty pound fleece was finally removed. All it took was coming home to his shepherd.

I believe Christ can lift the burdens we carry, if only we stop hiding. He can shave off our 'fleece'—that is, our self-imposed burdens brought about by wandering from our Good Shepherd.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

This is perfect

A silhouette of a shepherd holding a staff, standing behind three sheep. The scene is set against a soft, hazy background of a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon. The shepherd and sheep are dark against the lighter sky.

He lets me lie down in
green pastures; He leads
me beside quiet waters.

PSALMS 23:2

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3. YOUR REST.

The LORD is My Sheperd...

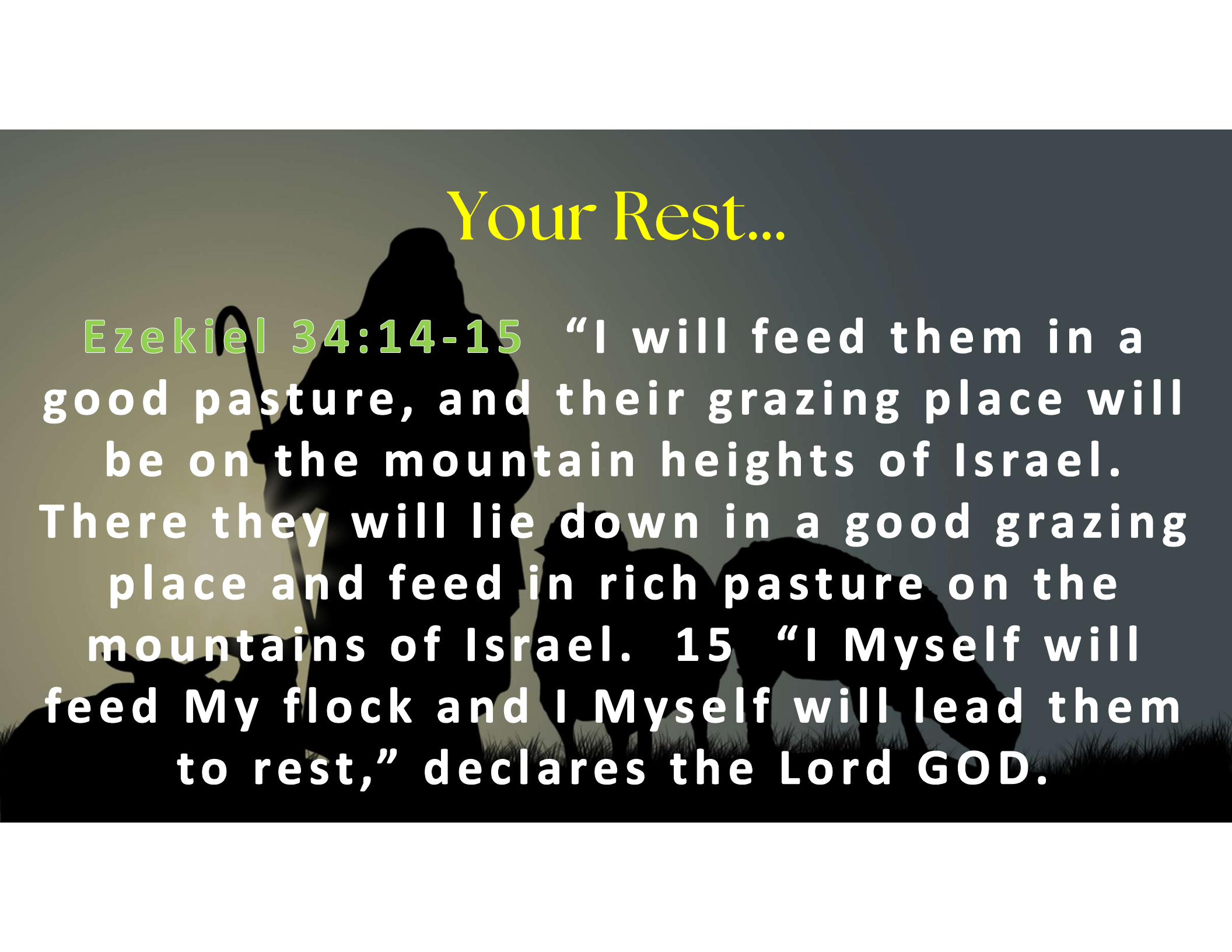
**When you spend all day tracking
down the perfect bed.**



Your Rest...

- David was declaring that his Shepherd told him to “Lie down in Green Pastures.”
- Green Pastures is normally a place of food, but that’s already covered in verse 1. This is the coolest, softest, best place for rest the Good Shepherd Led us to and told us to lie down.

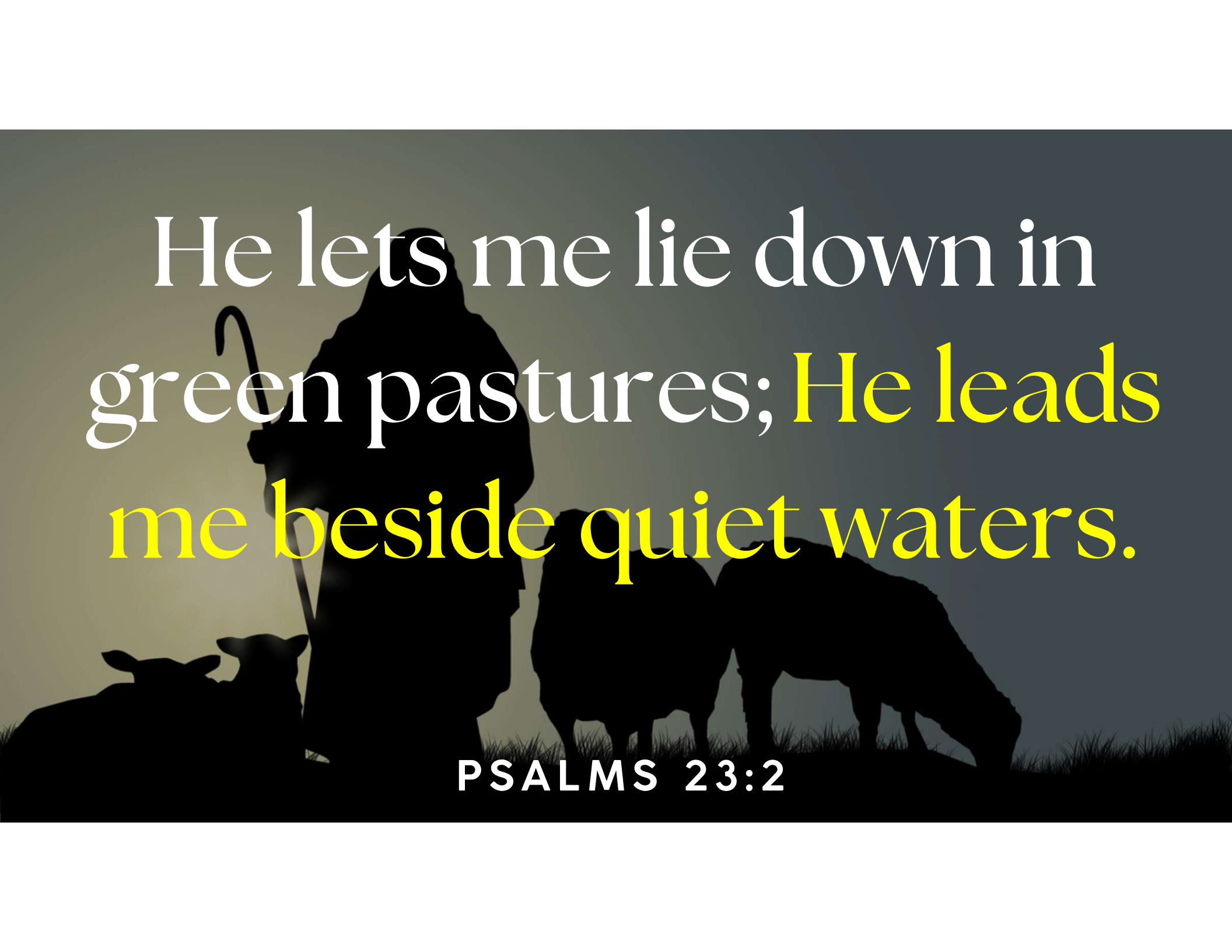
Your Rest...

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Ezekiel 34:14-15 “I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing place will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in a good grazing place and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 “I Myself will feed My flock and I Myself will lead them to rest,” declares the Lord GOD.

**Which Sheep Are You?
The Shepherd Wants You to Rest.**



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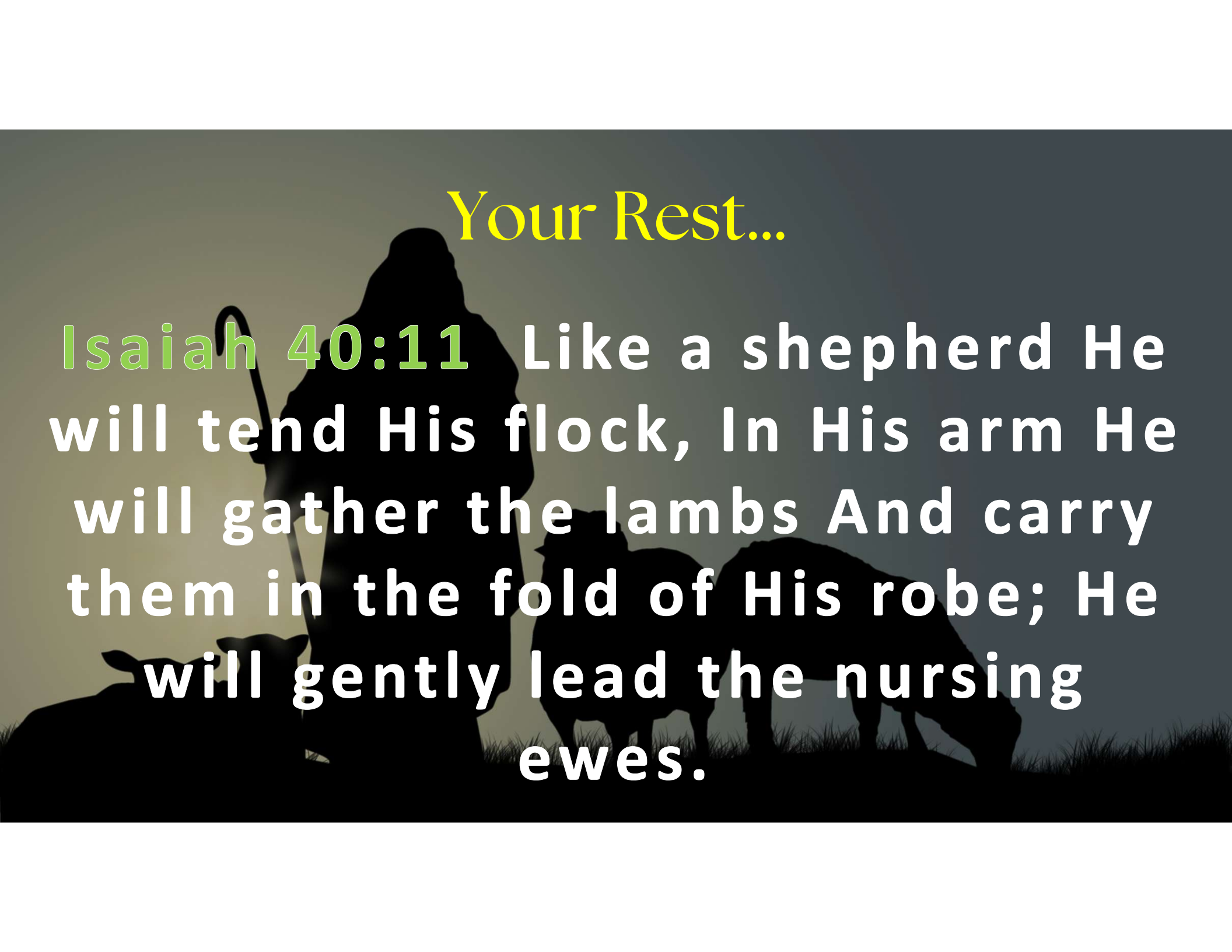
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PSALMS 23:2

HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS
PSALM 23

 **NOT OF THIS WORLD.**

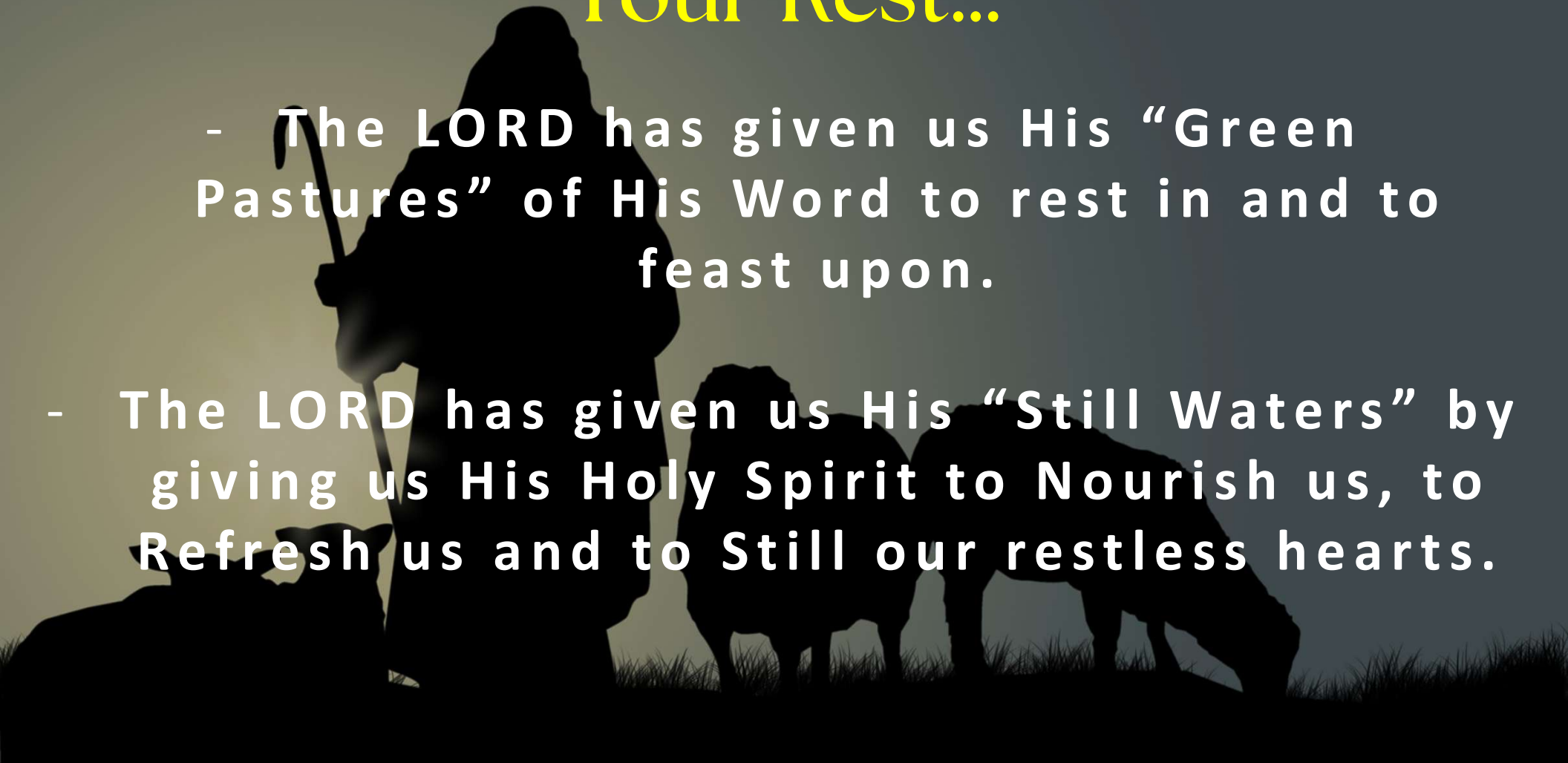
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Isaiah 40:11 Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry them in the fold of His robe; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

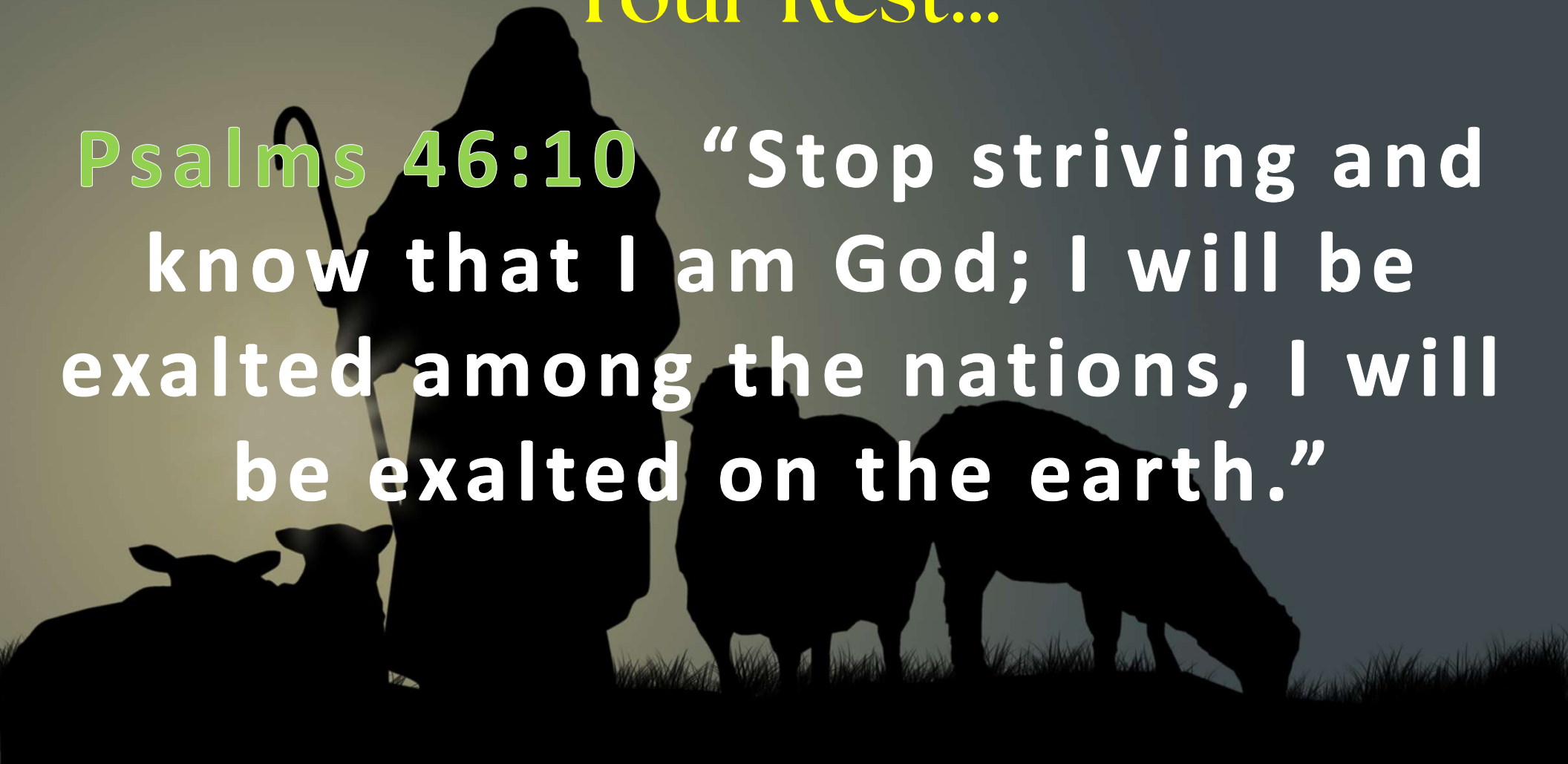
Your Rest...

- The LORD has given us His “Green Pastures” of His Word to rest in and to feast upon.
- The LORD has given us His “Still Waters” by giving us His Holy Spirit to Nourish us, to Refresh us and to Still our restless hearts.



Your Rest...

Psalms 46:10 “Stop striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth.”



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Your Rest...

Matthew 11:28

“Come to Me, all who are
weary and burdened, and I will
give you rest.”



How Has the LORD
Been Your Rest?



A silhouette of a shepherd holding a staff, standing behind a flock of sheep on a grassy hill. The background is a gradient of light to dark grey.

Remember... The LORD is...

1. YOUR **SHEPHERD.**

2. YOUR **PROVISION.**

3. YOUR **REST.**