

Mountains and Valleys

Psalm 23



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I have what I need.

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he leads me beside quiet waters.

³ He renews my life;
he leads me along the right paths
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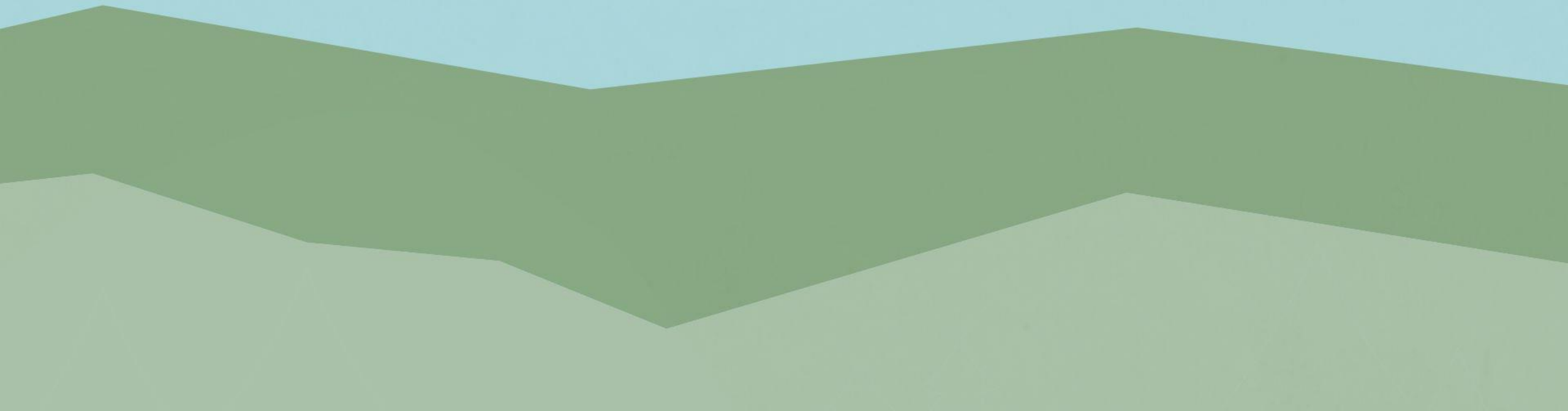
“David compared Yahweh to a shepherd, as he reviewed His blessings on his life and by calling Yahweh his Shepherd, David was acknowledging that He was David’s king as well as his caregiver.”

“The name ‘Yahweh’ captures the essential being of God. He is who He is (Exod. 3:14). This name occurs more often than any other in the psalms. Essentially it means that God is the eternally self-existent Person who becomes all that His people need. As Yahweh, God is always an adequate resource for whatever His people need, whenever they have needs. That is because the name ‘Yahweh’ describes God in covenant relationship with His people.”

- Dr. Thomas Constable

“We begin to realize that the bedrock of our contentment isn’t the goodness of our day, but the goodness of our God.”

- Mary Farrar



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Confidence in God – Unwavering Trust & Undistracted Eyes

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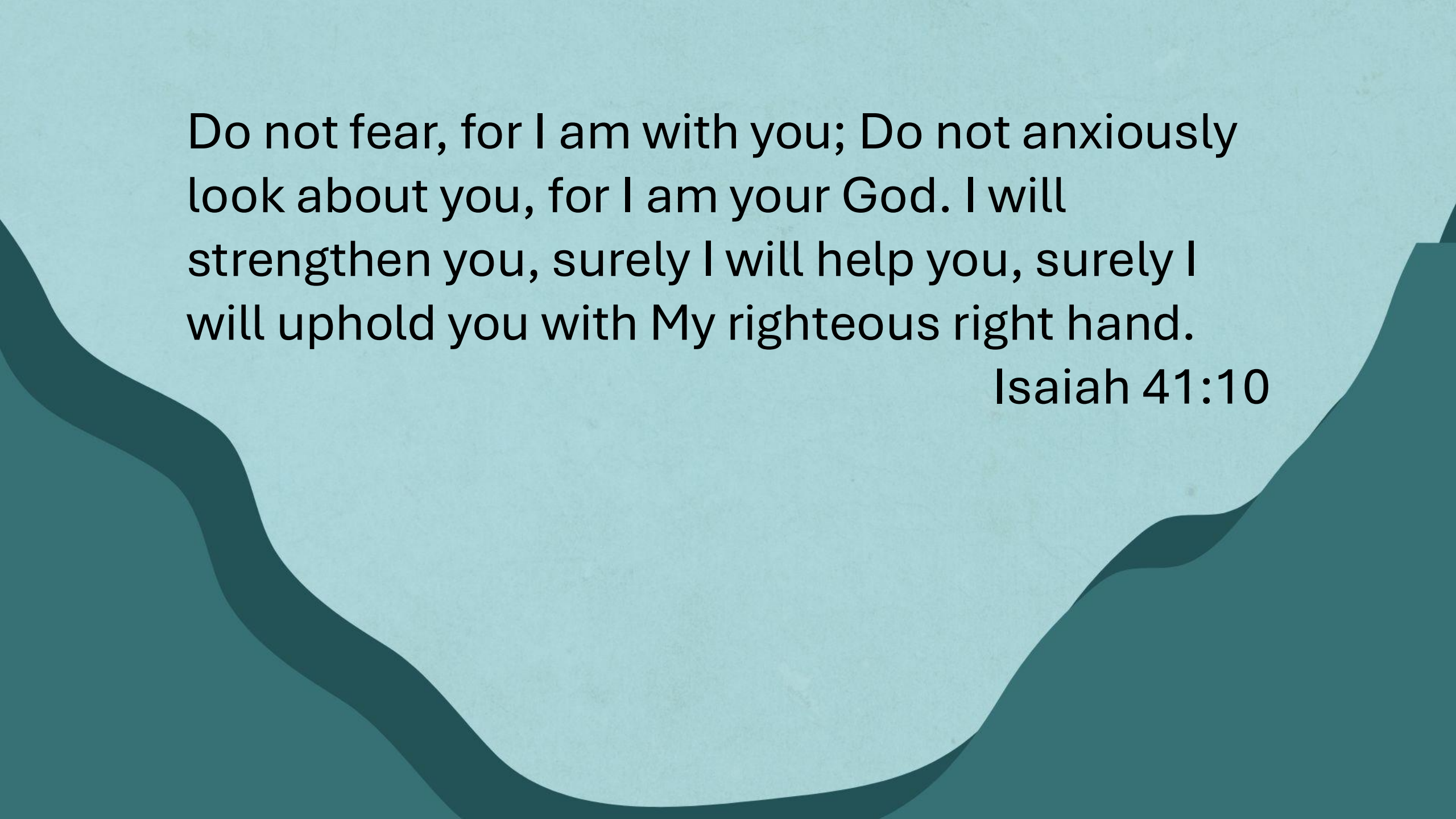
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Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously
look about you, for I am your God. I will
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Isaiah 41:10

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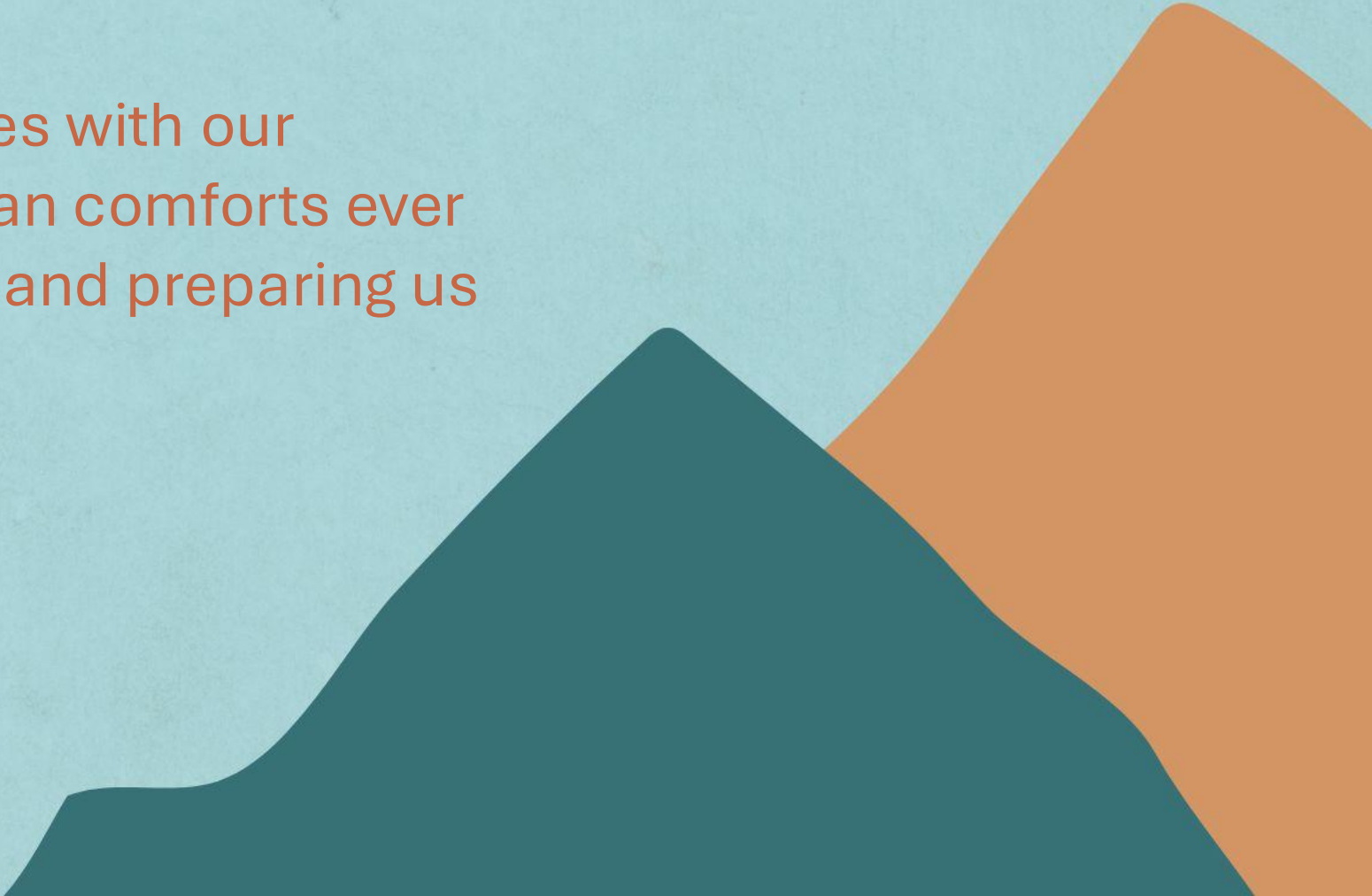
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God's Care, Learning Contentment & Trust, God as My Shepherd

The scratchiness that comes with our struggles teach us more than comforts ever will, building our character and preparing us for a greater purpose.





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