

# ***I Don't Wanna Be No Sheep***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Sheep are incredibly valuable creatures. But sheep are also incredibly V\_\_\_\_\_ creatures.

We need His Leadership, His Protection, and His Blessing.

- We need His leadership, because we do not know how to lead ourselves.
- We need His protection, because we are powerless to protect ourselves.
- We need His blessing, always and only and ever, in spite of ourselves.

## **We Need His LEADERSHIP (vs. 1-3)**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

<sup>2</sup> *He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

*He leads me beside still waters.*

<sup>3</sup> *He restores my soul.*

*He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.*

## **We Need His PROTECTION (vs. 4-5b)**

<sup>4</sup> *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;*

*your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

<sup>5</sup> *You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;*

*you anoint my head with oil;*

### **We Need His BLESSING (vs. 5c-6)**

*...my cup overflows.*

<sup>6</sup> *Surely goodness and mercy follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.*

### **CONCLUSION**

“Oh my child... I will never forget you.” (Isaiah 49:15)

### **Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion**

1. In what ways do we demonstrate our need for God’s constant leadership, protection, and blessing?
2. In what ways does God faithfully lead us? Protect us? Bless us?
3. In what specific ways do YOU need God right now to lead you, protect you, and bless you? Be open with your fellow sheep and pray to the Shepherd of your souls together (1 Peter 2:25)

<sup>25</sup> *For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*