

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Part 3 – Verse 3

### Background to the Psalm

King David wrote this song as an expression of his personal relationship with the Lord. David was himself a shepherd from childhood and eventually used that experience in his role as Shepherd-King of God's people Israel. David used imagery that was not only natural and easy for him to use but would have been easy for anyone of his time to identify with since the occupation of shepherding was common in the Near East. The message that Psalm 23 communicates is that when you have God as your Lord and Savior you experience all the blessings that come from being in relationship with Him: His care, His protection, and His eternal provision in heaven.

- 1. The First Example of God's Shepherd's Heart for You: He provides provision and rest – vs. 2 (Isaiah 26:3; 2 Timothy 1:7; Psalm 4:8; Matthew 5:6; John 7:37; Jeremiah 2:13)



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# **RESOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

## Family Devotionals/Activity Lessons: "Seeing Jesus Through the Uncertainty"

This four-part interactive family devotional has everything your family needs to discuss and learn about the faithfulness of God in difficult times, including Bible studies with discussion questions, activities, and coloring sheets. Each study in this series can be downloaded separately at: <u>https://www.namb.net/seeing-jesus-through-the-uncertainty/</u>

## "Stuck at Home" Devotionals for Kids

This set of 30 devotionals is designed to help kids deal with challenges they may be facing during this difficult time. Each devotional has been carefully selected to help children recognize that God is still in control, and to give them practical help in relying on God to help them through. You can receive these by email or you can print them out yourself. Download at: https://www.cefonline.com/devos/?utm\_source=parable

**Free E-book by John Piper:** <u>Coronavirus and Christ</u> "This is a time when the fragile form of this world is felt. The seemingly solid foundations are shaking. The question we should be asking is, *Do we have a Rock under our feet? A Rock that cannot be* <u>shaken-ever?</u>"—John Piper Free e-book or audio download at: <u>https://www.crossway.org/articles/coronavirus-and-christ-by-john-piper/</u>

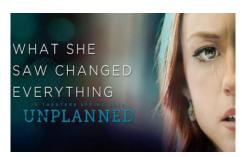
## Free Article: "Help for Quarantined Marriages"

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## **Recommended Movies:**

### Jesus in Athens - Amazon Prime or at www.jesusinathens.com

Jesus in Athens is the compelling story of the ways Christians are serving migrants, and how Muslims are encountering the love of God and Christians, believing the gospel, and forming churches. In 2015, over a million migrants entered Europe through Greece. And when they did revival and spiritual awakening broke out among the Muslims fleeing their war-torn countries. You'll witness the miraculous, and watch churches spring into action showing hospitality to strangers



### Unplanned - Amazon Prime; Redbox