



## Lord, Please Meet My Needs

*“He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.” Psalm 23:2 (NKJV)*

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For several years, I was blessed to minister in Scotland, the land of my birth. While there, I constantly saw countless sheep, eating and resting in green pastures and drinking at still waters. I saw how the shepherd cares for them and provides for all their needs.

It was a constant reminder to me of how Jesus, my Good Shepherd, meets all my needs daily. The most important need that Jesus met in my life was when He gave His life for me. 1 Peter 2:25 (KJV) reads, *“For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”* The greatest need in my life was salvation through Jesus. God through His love, mercy and amazing grace drew me to surrender my life to Christ, and I have never regretted my decision.

Matthew 5:6 (KJV) reads, *“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness...”*. Just like a newborn baby, as soon as I became a believer, I had a hunger and thirst to know Jesus and live a life that would glorify Him.

Like a shepherd leads his sheep, daily Jesus led me to the scriptures I needed to apply in each situation of my life. When my marriage was on the brink of divorce, Jesus led me to the green pastures and still waters of Ephesians 4:22-32. Here He clearly told me all the things that I needed to stop doing and all the things I needed to do, especially verses 31-32 (KJV) which read, *“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”* The Holy Spirit gave me

the power I needed each day to apply this scripture, and God healed and restored my marriage.

In times of sorrow, Jesus would lead me to the still waters of the book of Psalms where He would comfort me with many portions of scripture. At a time when I was being falsely accused, Jesus led me to Psalm 94:22 (KJV), which reads, *“But the Lord is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge.”* So I forgave as Christ forgave me and trusted the situation into Jesus’ hands. In His time, He brought the truth to light.

After a serious accident in which I almost lost my life through a fall, Jesus led me to Psalm 94:17-18 (NIV), which reads, *“Unless the Lord had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. When I said, ‘My foot is slipping,’ your love, O Lord, supported me.”* When I was in a great deal of pain from the accident, with a calendar full of speaking engagements, including international ministry, Jesus led me to Psalm 71:16 (KJV) which reads, *“I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.”* Through God and the prayers of faithful people, I was able to teach at every meeting on my calendar. God was incredibly faithful to me.

Truly, Jesus is my Shepherd and wants to meet all of my needs daily. He also wants to meet yours.

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