

# I Shall Not Want

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I heard “The Lord is My Shepherd” and of course, I finished it ..... “I shall not want”.

Then it unfolded that picking apart this scripture could provoke one to mediate on His word.

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I’ve always heard there is a difference between need and want so I feel like the Lord wants us to want things so that He can be God in our lives and show us how much He cares. Of course, all within reason and according to His will. I also know when things get tough, we find out what our faith is made of and **Psalm 23** reminds us that God will give us peace as we walk with Him through our struggles. Walking with Him means HAND IN HAND, not running ahead or falling behind but allowing Him to guide our hearts and minds.

I believe when we are trusting in God and who He has placed around us, we will find ourselves wanting for less because He will be our more. He will work more through those He loves and has called according to His purpose. People are messy folks, there’s no way around it, but they help build our character and give us tools along the way to help us when we are wanting for things, whether it’s wanting for change, or wanting for love, wanting to finish something or wanting for a stable job, or even wanting for ministry to unfold. Whatever it is, He said He’s our Shepherd and as He leads so we should go.... So our wants should go.....

I found the following from [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com) :

**Question 1: Am I allowing God to lead me?**

**Question 2: Am I camping in the valley?**

**Question 3: Have I lost sight of God’s faithfulness?**

**Psalm 23 - The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. <sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. <sup>3</sup> He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. <sup>4</sup> Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.**

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/3-new-ways-to-think-about-psalm-23.html>

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