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Message Handout

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"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

1. God is our shepherd - RELATIONSHIP

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Verse 1

2. God gives us rest - REST

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." - Verse 2

3. God guides us - GUIDANCE

"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." - Verse 3

4. God protects us - PROTECTION

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." - Verse 4

5. God gives us hope - HOPE

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." - Verse 5a

6. God blesses us - ABUNDANCE

“Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” - Verses 5b–6