

# WEEKLY COMPASS



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## Comfort, Peace, and Protection

Psalm 23 is a familiar passage of scripture! This passage is written so eloquently and is truly comforting to read. Understand that God our father is our Shepard. It provides a truth that He is our guide and will not do anything to put us in harm's way. He will direct and correct us when we get off track with His rod and staff.

As He guides us, the journey may be beautiful, ugly, and/or have some rough patches. That being the green pastures, quiet waters, dark valleys, etc. referred to in this scripture. When we venture through various phases of life, remember we lack nothing and are never alone, especially when we don't stray away! Even if we don't stray away and our Shepard is nowhere in sight, He is near because He is checking ahead for any dangers that we must prepare for. The true essences of a guide and leader.

**Prayer:** *Lord, what a blessing and sense of comfort it is knowing that you provide us peace and protection as our Shepard. Lord help us be better sheep. We stray, stop, and even want to turn around at times. But thank you for your patience, rod, and staff. It corrects us just when we need it. Keep doing what you do as our Shepard Father. In Jesus Name, Amen.*

As His sheep, we will never be without and have all that we need. Why? Because our Shepard, Jesus Christ has a goodness and love that will be and follow us the rest of our lives. That is seen and factually based in Christ sending His Holy Spirit to be with us.

Praise God for being able to dwell in His house forever!

### Talking Point(s)

1. What type of sheep are you? Do you stray, consistently follow the Shepard, or what?
2. Give an example of a time you felt God wasn't around and why?  
How does it feel when you follow God through the good, the bad, and/or the ugly?

	<b><u>Devotional Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Main Thought</u></b>
<b><u>Sunday School Lesson and Scripture</u></b>  <b>Live As You Were Taught</b> <b>Colossians 2:6-23</b>	<b>God Provides and Comforts</b> <b>Psalm 23</b>  <b><u>Unifying Topic</u></b> <b>Life in Christ Brings Freedom</b>	<b>As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.</b>  <b>Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)</b>