

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Saturday, March 18th:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. HE makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters." (Psalm 23:1-2).

It is good to have a good shepherd watching over us and leading us. When David wrote this psalm, he was most likely reminiscing about the days of his youth when he was a shepherd. Life was a lot less complicated as a shepherd compared to being the king of Israel. When he was a shepherd, it was just him and the sheep. When it was time to lead them to a pasture, he called them and led the way. When he figured the sheep were thirsty, he led them to a cool spring of water. Then he would make them rest for awhile, before he led them back to the pasture. The only action he saw was when a sheep was starting to stray a little too far from the flock or if he spotted a wolf, or a coyote or a mountain lion. Then there was excitement for awhile. But life as a king was a lot more complicated. He had to talk to his generals about war and peace. He had citizens seeking his advice and judgment in a case. He had to deal with politics within the kingdom and with other kingdoms. Sometimes our lives are just as complicated if not more than David's when he became a king. Our lives are lived at such a fast pace, rushing here and there, working at one task and then another, often multi-tasking. It is easy for us to become overwhelmed or even to lose our way. But the Lord is our shepherd, always watching over us.