

My Shepherd

Scripture Reading — Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
Psalm 23:1 —*

I want. You want. All of us want.

Austin loves Legos the way a gardener loves roses, the way a marine biologist loves otters, the way a roofer loves a thirst-quencher on a hot summer day. Austin memorizes Lego magazines. He studies the Lego website. He cleans his room, earns his allowance, and saves his birthday money to buy his heart's desire: a giant Star Wars Lego set.

Heather styles her hair. She carefully applies make-up. She reads through all the new fashion magazines. She works out at the gym. All with one goal in mind: she wants a boyfriend. Friday night she watches TV reruns alone and thinks, "If only I had a boyfriend." Sunday in church she scans the seats for single men, thinking, "I wish I had a boyfriend."

Bill wants a new 35-foot boat. He wants a designer pool. He wants a happy marriage. He wants a job with better health insurance. He wants the past 20 years back.

Advertisers identify and accent our cravings. In a world of broken relationships, they create luring images of a perfect family. In a world of rusted Ford Broncos, they show us a handsome driver in a new hybrid SUV.

In this world, what can it mean to pray, "The LORD is my shepherd, I lack [or want] nothing"? It must have something to do with the shepherd and his care.

Prayer

Lord, in a world of wants, lead us to your goodness and mercy. Guide us to see that you care for our needs—and much more. Through Jesus, the good shepherd, we pray. Amen

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