

## GOD WANTS TO MEET MY NEEDS

### Enjoying the Goodness of God – Part 2

Psalm 23:1

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- God is the source of everything I need to live and be happy.

*The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.* – Ps. 23:1 NLT

- A shepherd feeds, leads, and meets needs.

- God doesn't want me worrying about anything.

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.* – Phil. 4:6a NLT

### WHY DOES GOD TELL ME NOT TO WORRY?

1. Worry is unreasonable and unnatural.

*"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothes? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? ...And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make clothing, yet Solomon in all of his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are." – Matt. 6:25-26, 28-29 NLT*

2. Worry is unhelpful and unnecessary.

*"Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" – Matt. 6:27 NIV*

*Worry weighs a person down.* – Prov. 12:25a NLT

*"And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you." – Matt. 6:30 NLT*

3. Worry is unbelief.

*"Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things." – Matt. 6:32 CEV*

*Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me." – John 14:1 CEV*

### HOW DO I TRUST JESUS TO MEET MY NEEDS?

1. Every day, ask Him to be my shepherd.

*[Jesus:] "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and they know me. ...and I give up my life for my sheep." – John 10:14-15 CEV*

*Come save us and bless us. Be our shepherd and always carry us in your arms.* – Ps. 28:9 CEV

2. I give Jesus first place in every area of my life.

*"But your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to."* – Matt. 6:32b-33 LB

3. Slow down, relax and give Him my worries in prayer.

*Give all your cares and worries to God, for he cares about you.* – 1 Peter 5:7 NLT

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all that he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything that we can understand.* – Phil. 4:6-7 NLT

4. Trust Him for one day at a time.

*"Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today."* – Matt. 6:34 CEV

*"Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard thing comes up when the time comes."* – Matt. 6:34 MSG