

With Me

A Journey through Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

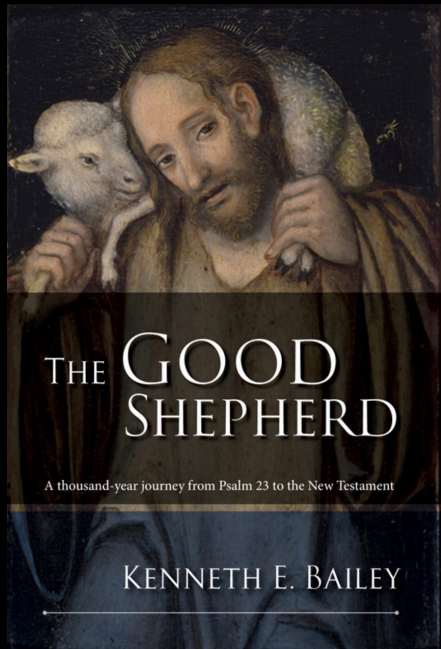
Psalm 23:4-5

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

Psalm 23:6

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On the way home at the end of each day, the shepherd knows that there is the danger of a wolf or some other predator following the returning herd in the hope that a young or injured sheep might lag behind and become easy prey. If the shepherd has an assistant, one of them will naturally follow closely behind the herd for the specific purpose of preventing such an eventuality. If the shepherd has a dog that animal can take up the “rear guard” position. Sheep, when they aren’t lost, know their way home. If there is no assistant shepherd and no dog, the shepherd himself can be the “rear guard.”

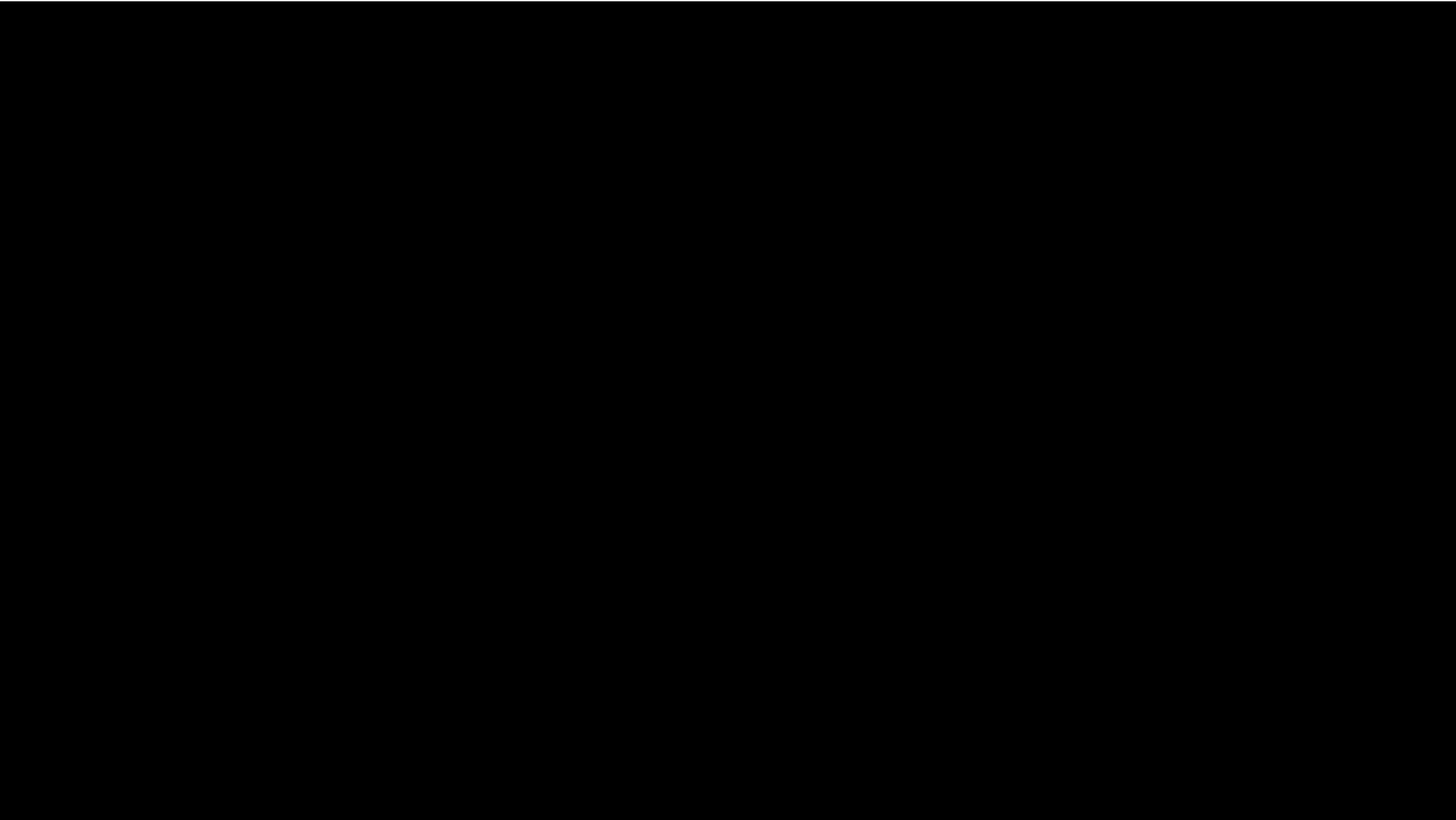
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Goodness = tov

Love = khesed

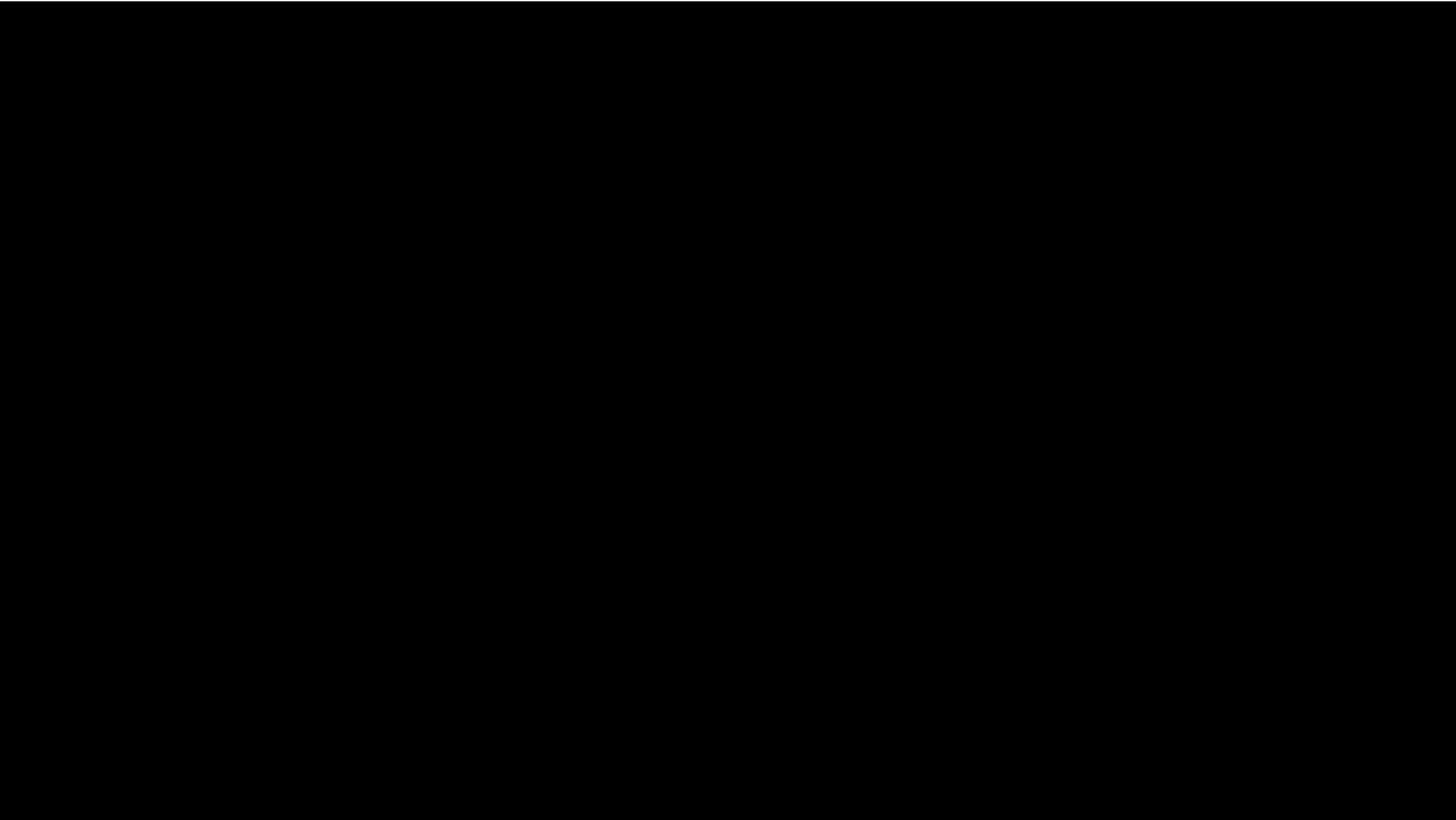
Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

Exodus 34:5-6

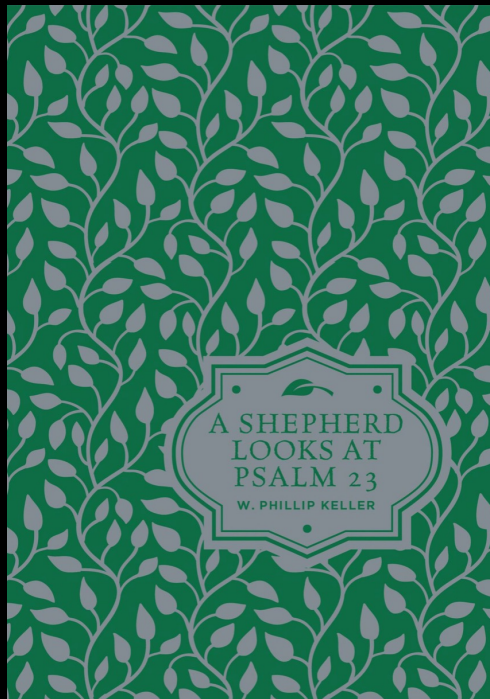


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Faith



It is the sheep owner's presence that guarantees there will be no lack of any sort; that there will be abundant green pastures; that there will be still clean waters; that there will be new paths into fresh fields; that there will be safe summers on the high tablelands; that there will be freedom from fear.

Phillip Keller

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