

# Message 1 Renew

# Mark Taylor November 4, 2018

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Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 40:31 (NASB)

The Lord is my shepherd... (Psalm 23:1. C/R: John 10)

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	(Psalm 23:2. C/R: Exodus 20:8-10; 33:14; Psalm 62:5-8;
	Matthew 11:28)

2. \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 23:3. C/R: Isaiah 30:19-21; Jeremiah 17:7-8)

3.	and
	(Psalm 23:4. C/R: 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; 1 John 4:18)
4.	A (Psalm 23:5. C/R: Luke 15:22-24; Revelation 19:6-9)
5.	His to us. (Psalm 23:6. C/R: Deuteronomy 7:9; Galatians 4:4-7)

**Answers: 1.** Rest **2.** Strength **3.** Protection, comfort **4.** feast **5.** forever commitment **Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible.* C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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# Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools check out: <a href="mailto:bible.com">bible.com</a>, and <a href="mailto:blueletterbible.org">blueletterbible.org</a>. **Find a Small Group** at <a href="mailto:brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups">brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups</a>.

#### **Conversation Starter**

How do you normally deal with stress?

# **Personal Reflection/Group Discussion**

## Read Psalm 23:1-6 slowly at least twice.

1. Which word or phrase is most significant to you?

## Read Psalm 23:1.

- 2. What does a shepherd typically provide?
- 3. What does God provide for you? Is there anything you still need in addition to what God has provided?

#### Read <u>Psalm 23:2-3</u>.

- 4. How would sheep benefit from a green meadow or a peaceful stream? What do the meadow and stream represent to you?
- 5. In what area of your life do you need your strength renewed?
- 6. What step could you take to allow God to renew your strength?
- 7. What's your preferred way of receiving guidance from God? Describe a time when you felt or needed God's guidance.

#### Read Psalm 23:4-5.

- 8. What causes you to feel anxious? What is causing you concern today? Take a moment to express your concerns to God.
- 9. What difference does it make that God is with you?

#### Read Psalm 23:6.

- 10. What is desirable about the benefits listed in verse 6?
- 11. How can you experience these benefits?

## **Soul Training**

**Pause** each day of the week to meditate on a different verse of Psalm 23. Start Monday with verse 1, and so on. **Read** the verse in the morning, **repeat** it throughout the day, **restate** the verse in your own words, then **relax** and ask God to give you His perspective on the verse.

### **Memory Verse**

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### **Daily Reading**

Day 1: Psalm 23:1-2; 62:5-8

Day 2: Psalm 23:3; Isaiah 40:31

Day 3: Psalm 23:4; 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Day 4: Psalm 23:5; Revelation 19:6-9

Day 5: Psalm 23:6; Galatians 4:4-7

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, November 11, we'll *PAUSE* to REFOCUS on the character of God. Prepare by reading <u>Psalm 46</u>.

