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<p>Exodus 34:11-15</p> <p>Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ¹²Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. ¹³Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.^a ¹⁴Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.</p> <p>¹⁵“Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices.</p> <p><i>a. That is, wooden symbols of the goddess Asherah</i></p>		
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<p>Psalm 23 <i>A psalm of David.</i> 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[b] I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.</p> <p><i>b. Or the valley of the shadow of death</i></p>		
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<p>John 10:11-18</p> <p>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.</p> <p>¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”</p>		
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Isaiah 40:10-11

1 Peter 5:2-4

Christ not only laid down his life for us, but the Spirit also daily cares for us. How do you specifically see the Shepherd caring for you?

God has given each of us a sphere of influence. Given the description of a shepherd in the above Scriptures, in what ways are you called to shepherd the flock the Lord has entrusted to you?

I AM and you are...
Prayer Requests
