



DAY 25 | May 25, 2020

Scripture

“Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.” — PSALM 37:3

Inspiration

Time and again, David the psalm-writing-shepherd-boy-turned-king uses references from his early days tending the flock to create powerful imagery. Turns out, sheep are relatively dense and extremely defenseless animals. As a result, they need a shepherd they can trust — to protect them, lead them and provide for them. Sheep are completely dependent on their personal protector and provider. In reality, they need a caring shepherd so they will do well. Doing well includes enjoying “safe pasture” — a place of peace, where needs are met and fear is gone. I think we could all use safe pasture these days. But note this: This image starts with your “trust in the Lord.” Trust leads to all the good that follows. As the uncertainty of the times continues, **the solid trust that God invites, and then blesses, is available to us all.**

Prayer

GOOD SHEPHERD, like dense and dependent sheep, we can go through life not even recognizing that, as our Good Shepherd, you are providing for our every need. Before we know there is danger, you have stepped in. Before we go hungry, you lead us to safe pasture. It’s easy for us to miss all this and take it for granted because **your vigilance, driven by your love for us, is constant and consistent.** We trust you, but sometimes we don’t really acknowledge that trust is based on your faithfulness to us, not the other way around. Increase our trust and lead us to safe pasture where we can live for you. **AMEN.**