

GETTING GUIDANCE FROM OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

God In The Hard Times - Part 4

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The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3 (NIV)

1. _____ I need a Guide.

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away! We have left God's paths to follow our own. Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 14:12

Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matt 7:13-14

2. _____ in faith for direction.

If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you, for He is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him... but when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to tell you... If you don't ask in faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer. James 1:5-7 (LB)

3. _____ for God's response.

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... He walks ahead of them; and they follow him, for they recognize His voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run from him, for they don't recognize his voice. John 10:11,4-5(LB)
God does speak -- sometimes one way and sometimes another -- even though people may not understand it. Job 33:14 (NCV)

Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways. Proverbs 20:30 (GN)

4. _____ to think like God.

People who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means...

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NLT)

5. _____ God when I don't understand.

Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters—a pathway no one knew was there! Psalm 77:19 (NLT)

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. Proverbs 4:18 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

*Never judge the path God leads you on
until you get to the end.*

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*