HE LEADETH ME PS23:3

What does this mean?

1. The shepherd (He) leads us and we follow Him!

Psalm 23:3 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<u>John 10:1</u> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth <u>not</u> by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. <u>John 10:2</u> But he that entereth in by the door is the sheepherd of the sheep. <u>John 10:3</u> To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

<u>John 10:4</u> And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: <u>for</u> they know his voice.

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

He goes before us!

He has scouted the paths before!

He knows the way!

He has experienced the way!

He call us with his voice (The Scripture / the Bible)

He calls us by name!

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

<u>Matthew 16:24</u> Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, **and follow me.**

2. The Shepherd (He) leads us and we follow Him <u>down</u> well-known & well-worn paths!

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The Paths = the ruts made by a cart drawn by calves / oxen.

- > Common way to describe a path
- > Well-known
- > Well-worn
- > Same path for everyone found all over the world! Christians tend to behave the same!
- > Of righteousness
- ➤ But not self-righteousness → it's the righteousness of Christ imputed to us at salvation / justification & then imparted to us in sanctification / growth in grace.

3. The shepherd (He) leads us and we follow Him...for His name's sake!

<u>Psalm 23:3</u> He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness <u>for</u> **his name's sake.** <u>1 Corinthians 10:31</u> Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

We live for something bigger than self | ego | self-centeredness