

**eXplain it**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

Ezekiel 34:11-16 (I Will Be Their Shepherd)  
 Psalm 23 (the Lord is My Shepherd)  
 1 Peter 2:21-25 (The Shepherd and Overseer of Your Souls)  
 John 10:11-16 (Jesus - the Good Shepherd)

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**God in the ...**

**abstract**  
**and the concrete**

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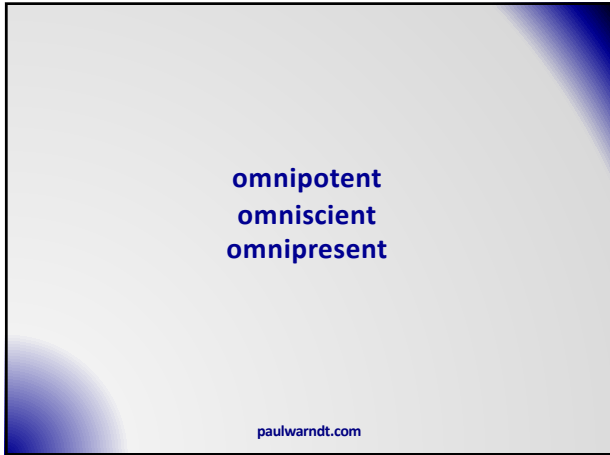
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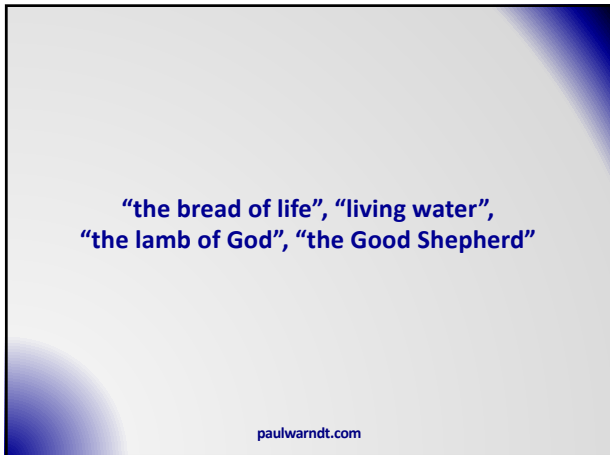
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**Psalm 23:** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
(KJV)

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**There is much to fear, little flock!  
But don't be afraid!**

**"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."  
Luke 12:32 (NIV)**

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**the Devil**

**John 8:42-47: murderer and liar**  
**John 10: steal, kill and destroy ... wolves**  
**and hired hands**  
**1 Peter 5:5-9: roaring lion**

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**Ezekiel 34: Woe to the shepherds ...**  
**(kings, rulers, leaders, pastors)**

**You have not ...**

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**Ezekiel 34:2-ff: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD**  
**says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only**  
**take care of themselves! Should not shepherds**  
**take care of the flock?**

**3You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the**  
**wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you**  
**do not take care of the flock. (NIV)**

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**Ezekiel 34:4-ff: You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. (NIV)**

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**Ezekiel 34:5-ff: So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals.**

**6My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. (NIV)**

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**"I am against the shepherds of Israel" (34:10)**

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I will rescue my flock from their mouths  
 I myself will search for my sheep  
 I will look after them  
 I will bring them out from the nations  
 I will gather them  
 I will bring them into their own land  
 I will pasture them and tend them  
 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays  
 I will bind up the injured  
 I will strengthen the weak  
 I will shepherd the flock with justice

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**John 10: I am the Good Shepherd**

“I know my sheep and my sheep know me”  
 “I have other sheep ... I must bring them also”  
 “I lay down my life for the sheep”

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**Luke 15: the parable of the lost things**  
**Matthew 9:35-38: “harassed and helpless,  
 sheep without a shepherd”**  
**John 21:15-ff: “feed my sheep”**

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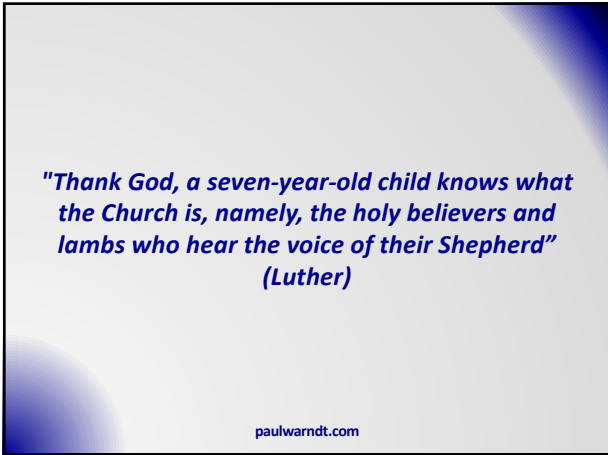
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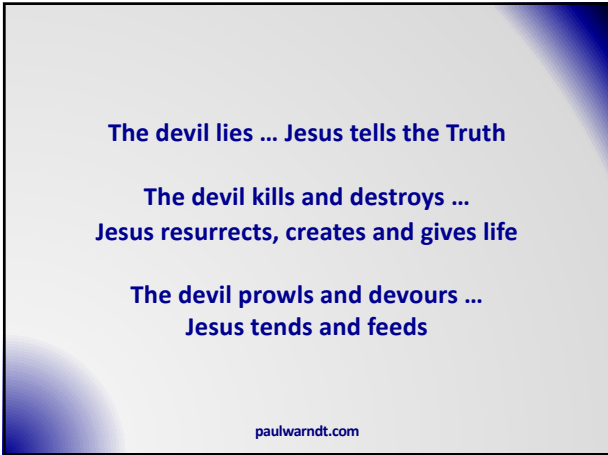
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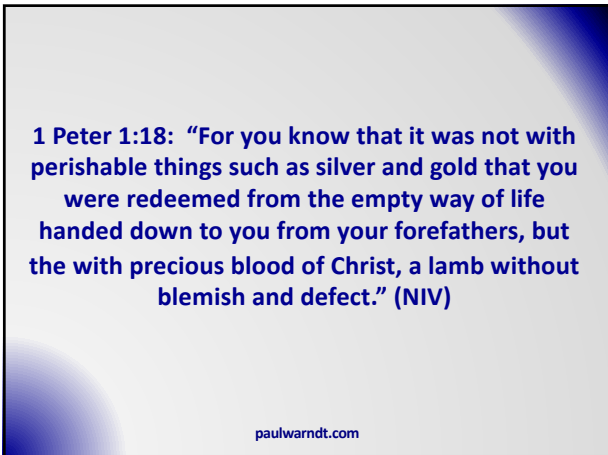
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**1 Peter 2:21-25/Isaiah 53:  
The Shepherd who is the Lamb of God**

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**1 Peter 2:22-ff: "He committed no sin, and no  
deceit was found in his mouth."**

**23When they hurled their insults at him, he did  
not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no  
threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who  
judges justly. (NIV)**

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**1 Peter 2:24-ff: He himself bore our sins in his  
body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and  
live for righteousness; by his wounds you have  
been healed.**

**25For you were like sheep going astray, but now  
you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer  
of your souls. (NIV)**

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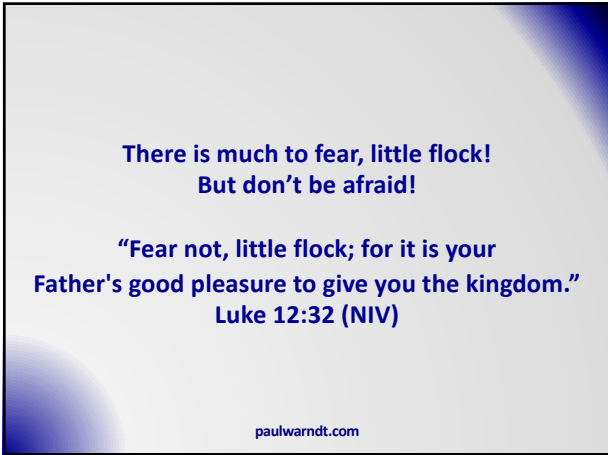
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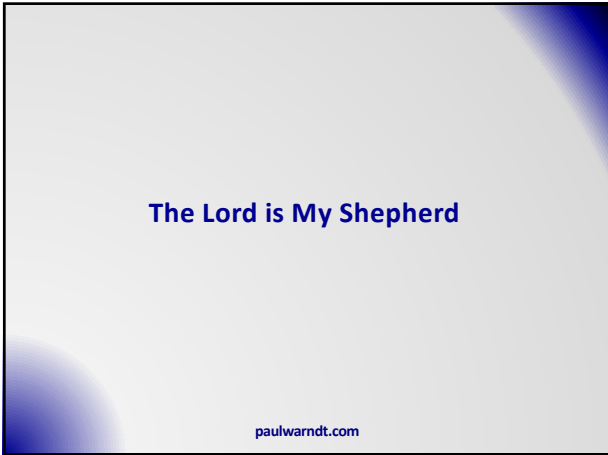
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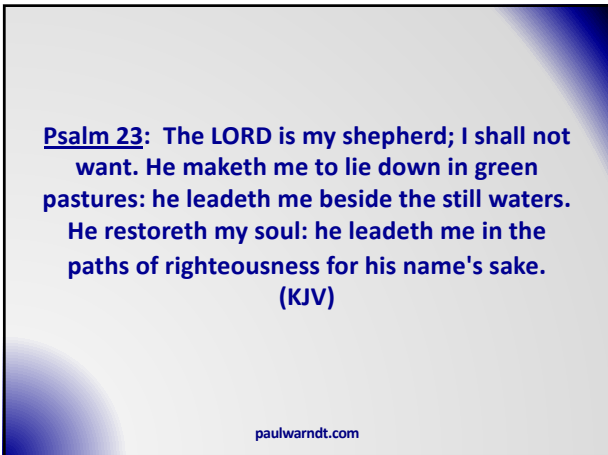
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