

Prayer Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prayer Country for this week:** Cuba: 11.2 million people, 14% unreached with the Gospel; 9% Evangelical. Pray for the house churches, for Bible & Christian literature distribution, and for the success of Christian radio ministries

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***The Shepherd's Psalm***  
**Week 5 – “He restores my soul”**

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

**Psalm 23:1-6**

David wrote in Psalm 42 about being “cast down” or in despair. As a shepherd, David would know all too well the danger of a sheep being in a “cast” position. He knew that a good shepherd makes all the difference in the world to a sheep in this position. For us, we know that Christians can fall into a “cast” position through error and deception. What are some things you do to ensure you do not fall into this trap?

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**Reasons Sheep Become Cast:**

**1. When sheep look for a \_\_\_\_\_ spot to settled down into, it can put them into a position they can't get out of.**

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**2. Sheep can have too much \_\_\_\_\_ that can weigh them down.**

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**3. Sheep get cast easily when they're too \_\_\_\_\_.**

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