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PSALMS

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Psalm 23 *English Standard Version*

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.



Psalm 23 *English Standard Version*

⁴ 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.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.



Psalm 23 *English Standard Version*

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.



Vs1 - The Lord is my Shepherd



The Shepherd's voice

John 10:

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Vs1 - I shall
not want

**Do you want
the Shepherd?**



Vs2 - He
makes me lie
down in
green pasture
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**Nourished
Content**



John 15:4-5

⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



Vs2 - He leads
me beside still
waters (**waters of
rest**)

Peace

Vs3 - He restores
my soul

Wholeness

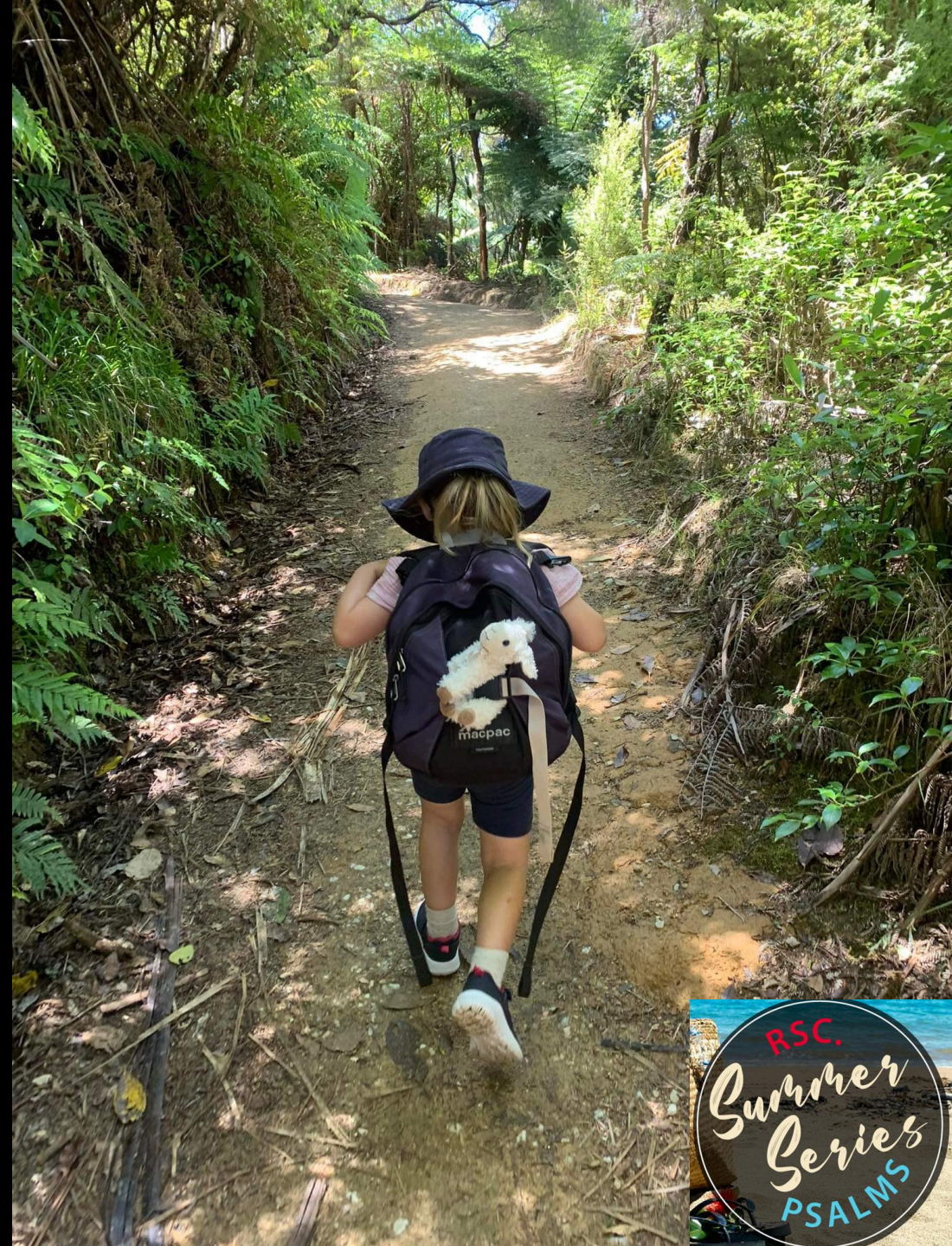


Vs3 - He leads me in paths of
righteousness (**right paths**) for
his name's sake

Proverbs 3:5-6

**⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your
heart and lean not on your own
understanding;**

**⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths
straight.**



Vs4 - Even though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death (**The valley
of deep darkness**), I will fear
no evil, for you are with me

Darkness

Shadows

Fear

The shepherd's presence



Vs4 - your rod and your staff,
they comfort me

Comfort in 'correction'



Vs5 - You prepare a
table before me
in the presence of
my enemies

God's plan

Despite my fears



Vs5 - you anoint my head with
oil; my cup overflows

His hand on my shoulder

Ephesians 3:20

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we
ask or imagine, according to his
power that is at work within us



Vs6 -Surely **(only)** goodness
and mercy **(steadfast love)**
shall follow me all the days of
my life

Children of God

John 3:1-2

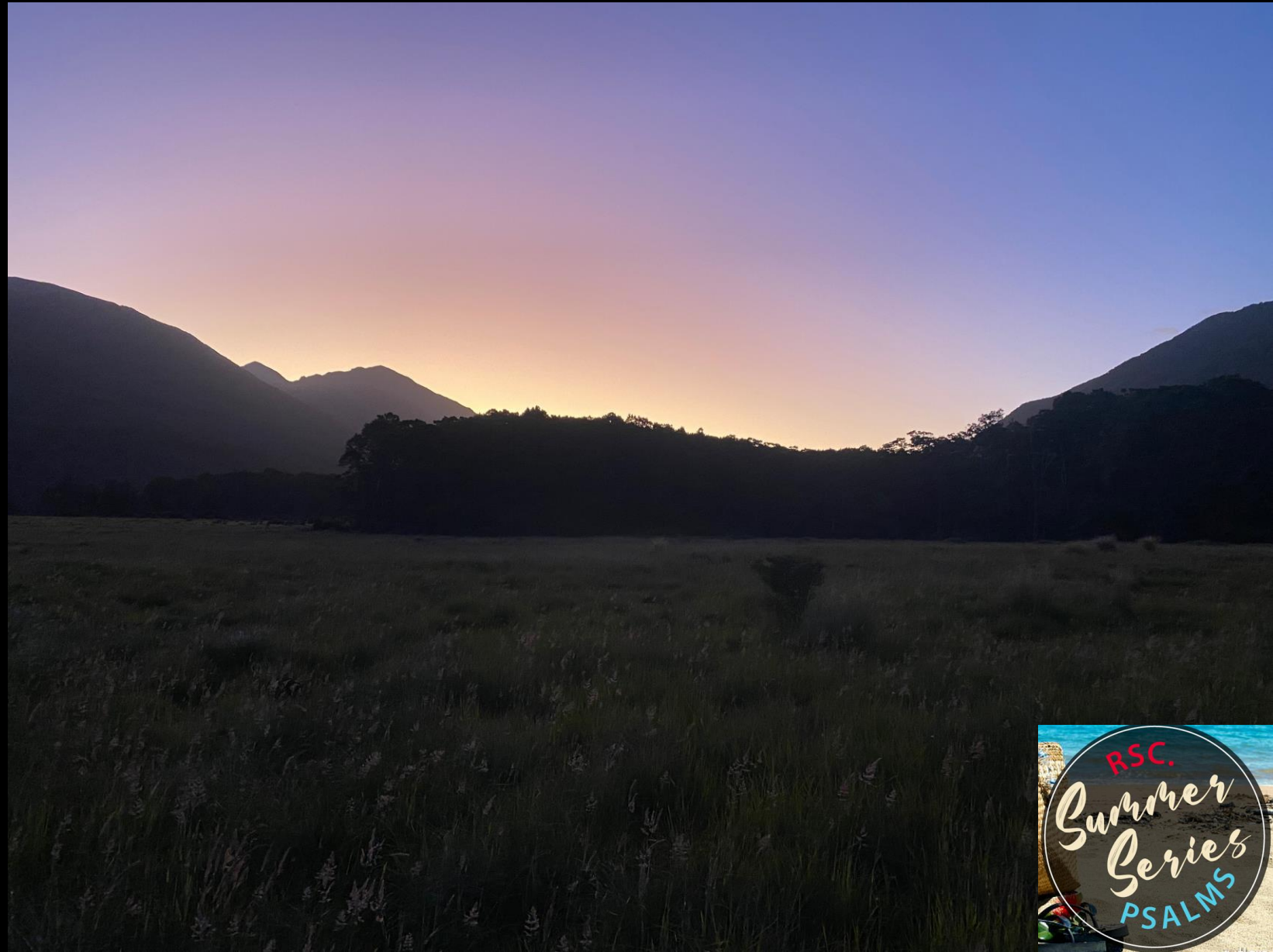
See what great love the
Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called
children of God! And that is
what we are!



Vs6 ...and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

100yrs from now

All Eternity



Have you ever thought about this?

In 100 years like in 2123 we will all be buried with our relatives and friends.

Strangers will live in our homes we fought so hard to build, and they will own everything we have today.

All our possessions will be unknown and discarded, including the car we spent a fortune on, and will probably be scrap.

Our descendants will hardly know who we were, nor will they remember us. How many of us know our grandfather's father?

After we die, we will be remembered for a few more years, then we are just a portrait on someone's bookshelf, and a few years later our history, photos and deeds disappear in history's oblivion.

We won't even be memories.

If we paused one day to analyse these questions, perhaps we would understand how ignorant and weak the dream to achieve it all was.

If we could only think about this, surely our approaches, our thoughts and attitudes would change, we would be different people, pursuing God.

And I'd change all this to live and enjoy the walks I've never taken, these hugs I didn't give, these kisses for our children and our loved ones, after all they would fill our lives with joy.