

HAVE NO FEAR

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Have No Fear (Psalm 23) was written from a fearful heart. Just two weeks into our marriage, my husband and I were shaken up by a job loss. Three months after that, we accepted a call into a life of vocational ministry; in addition, my husband applied and was accepted to seminary, and we were excited but shocked to find that we were expecting our first child! All of these changes were grand and thrilling, but I was a terrified new bride. In the midst many fears, I returned to the beloved 23rd Psalm.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me. (Psalm 23:1-4 HCSB)

Reading these familiar words convinced me to let my trust override my fear. Being led by the most loving and gifted Shepherd, we are never under better care. His concern for us offers guidance, restoration, comfort, and peace, if we just put our trust in Him. This battle between fear and faith in my own heart shapes the verses to *Have No Fear*.

*Though we may walk through the valley
We will have no fear
And when life brings loss or blessing
We will have no fear as long as You are near*

All three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) reflect the characteristics of the Shepherd in Psalm 23. And so in this chorus lyric we see the Trinity at work providing, guiding, rescuing and comforting His sheep.

*God we trust You, come do what You must do
To raise us from the dust to everlasting life
Spirit, lead us to the feet of Jesus where we find our freedom
And with Him we will rise to everlasting life*

And when this earthly life is over, whether it be filled with loss or blessing, what a beautiful reality it will be that “I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!” (Psalm 23:6 HCSB)

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