

**Devotional Thoughts :: With love...****With love... - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/5/7 9:15**

Psalm 23... I am your shepherd. You will never have need of anything that I want for you. If you will trust me, and really allow me to be the shepherd of your life, I will give to you such great peace of mind that it will be like lying in the cool green grass of a springtime meadow. And as you learn to deepen your love and trust, a quietness will come over your soul, like a serene, calm lake. It will be a time of great refreshment to your inner self, thus preparing you to do whatever tasks I set before you; And do not minimize any task that I give you to do, as it is for my honor and glory, not yours. There will be times when, because of my great love for you, that it will be necessary for me to lead you into great darkness... Darkness that will be so great that you will feel as though you are standing at the very edge of life, with death awaiting you below. But always remember, I am still your shepherd in the darkness. You may not be able to see me, but you have my eternal promise that I will never leave you or forsake you. If you will continue to trust me, even after you have been through a time of darkness, I will again flood your heart with such peace that you could even sit down among your enemies. Your joy will be so great that it will spill over into the lives of others. And as your reward, I will give to you all the really important things of life. When you have completed all that I have planned for you to do on earth, I want you to come up and live with me forever and ever and ever.

I don't know who wrote this wonderful devotional with Psalm 23 in mind but I came across it again and was just very moved by the words and their meaning. Reading these words knowing JESUS heart for me is so encouraging and I just thought I would pass it along to some few here...

God bless
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