

*He leads me beside still waters*

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**“He leads me beside the still waters”****LESSON 03:**

**“He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul..” (Psalms 23:2-3a)**

(The Shepherd is speaking to)

My Precious Child,

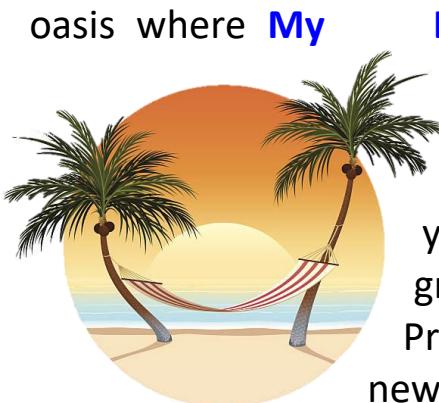
Do not fight it when I call you away from the draw of earthly distractions. Do not resist My wooing to come

away, because busyness can lead to a dry place, where your spirit is no longer sensitive to **My Voice**. Can you hear Me calling—inviting you to an oasis where **My**



**Living Water** always flows and **My Face** shines upon your weary soul?

It's there that I renew you and cause you to grow—where I reveal My Presence to you in a fresh new way.



I'm calling you away, to hide you in My **SECRET PLACE**—to give you a time of **REST** so that you can **RECHARGE**. And though it goes against the grain to **REST**, that's exactly what I designed you to do. Resist the temptation to **EXIT**. My Presence prematurely lest you leave without everything I want to give you—wisdom and direction that will fill you up and bless everything you do. Don't give into anxiety or fear or allow yourself to be uncomfortable or awkward, for there you're in My perfect will, and **I AM JEALOUS** over you. Let Me take you away to that **GENTLE STREAM OF REFRESHMENT**.



I have many things to share to you from **DEEP** within My **HEART**, but you will only hear them as you **QUIET** your heart, and listen for My still, small **VOICE**. Today I'm calling you to a higher place in Me, and making you desperate for Me. In that **SECRET PLACE** I will share My **HEART** with you and reveal Myself in ways you won't discover any other way.



In this place even the wounds of your past will heal and I will reveal My will. I'll show you how these things work together to **MATURE** you. In this place you will be **EMPOWERED** by My **ANOINTING**. Only commune with Me; share your heart with Me, and let Me fill you with the **LIVING WATER** that **NEVER RUNS DRY**. There I will refresh you so you no longer thirst again for anything but Me.

Seek solitude and listen in silence, for only there will you sense My nearness. Only there will I reveal Myself, in order to teach you and strengthen you with priceless treasures of wisdom and understanding that can't be found anywhere else. It is there that I will restore your soul.

If you don't sense My nearness when you sit in silence, do not budge, **for I often veil My Face and hide My Presence so you will see Me by faith and not by feelings**. And though you do not see Me, understand that My **ABIDING PRESENCE** is **ALWAYS THERE**, and that I will calm your spirit,



giving you rest as you lay your head upon My lap  
and let Me touch your very heart.