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Will He Not His Help Afford?

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you. The LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. **Psalm 121***

David was a shepherd, a warrior, and a King. He had a diversity of responsibilities at various stages of life that challenged him and rewarded him in different ways. Like most of us, there were moments in his life when he needed help...and he knew where to find it.

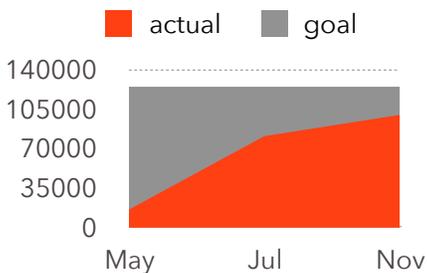
As a shepherd he would have spent many lonely hours in the fields with his herds, ever vigilant to the dangers that may befall



Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events and dates to keep in mind.

- **November 9th**, International Day of Giving
- **November 12th**, Midweek, Married Men
- **November 19th**, Thanksgiving Midweek & Dinner
- **November 23rd**, Thanksgiving Baskets Due
- **December 7th**, New Members Brunch
- **December 14th**, Christmas Service & Concert



We've already collected approximately \$100,000 towards our 2014 special missions goal of \$125,000. Collections is ongoing. Please see Theresa Delbridge for details.

them. I imagine that his eyes were constantly scanning the horizon on the look-out for predators, as well as keeping watch for wandering sheep. I suspect the sun may have been oppressive at times at its height in the middle of the day and his sole desire would have been for shade. And when night finally came, even his best sleep would have been light, as he feared the unwanted predator lurking in the moon light. A good shepherd has a lot of responsibility to weigh him down. Where will he find help? Who will watch over him? Who will shepherd the shepherd?

For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." 1 Peter 2:25

Of all the things the Lord is for me, I am perhaps most comforted by the fact that he is my protector. While fear and anxiety has never been a major struggle for me, at times the weight of my responsibilities can make me afraid of my own inadequacy. The prospect of failing as a husband, a father, or a leader can chip away at my confidence and zeal. I can begin to slow down, shrink back, or lurk in introspection if I take my eyes off of the mountains- if I forget where my help comes from.

"To the hills I lift mine eyes, The everlasting hills; Streaming thence in fresh supplies, My soul the Spirit feels. Will he not his help afford? Help, while yet I ask, is given: God comes down; the God and Lord That made both earth and heaven."

Edward Jewitt Robinson, 1878.

I must remember daily that God came down...the Maker of heaven and earth...for me. He came down to show me the full extent of His love and provide for my wandering heart a full demonstration of His power. He is the overseer of my soul; and as Robinson says so well – His Spirit is always in fresh supply.

With what do you need help today? You know where to find it.

Love, Mat