

## Care Like Jesus

Pastor Mike Myers | Lifted Church, Miami | July 19, 2026

### Summary of the Message

This week Pastor Mike showed us that God's care for us has many names: Your Deliverer, Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Sabaoth, but the one name that changes every relationship is **Jehovah Raah: "The Lord is my Shepherd."**

Not a God who provides occasionally, but a Shepherd who cares continually. **We will never shepherd like Jesus until we first learn to live like His sheep**, abiding in Him rather than striving on our own (John 15:4-5), and trusting Him instead of focusing on what we don't have (Matthew 6:33).

**Psalms 23 isn't written about a crowd; it's written about one sheep: you**, because God does not manage crowds, **He knows individuals**. The Shepherd sees you, guides you, and feeds you: He leads us into rest, walks with us through the valley instead of around it, and prepares a table in the presence of our enemies rather than waiting for them to leave.

And in the end, He is not only the Lion who conquers. **John points to Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29)**, the Shepherd who became a Lamb so we could belong safely to Him. Pastor Mike closed with a simple invitation: **stop striving, lie down, and let Him see you, guide you and feed you.**

### Key Bible Verses

**Psalms 23:1** *The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

**Psalms 23:2** *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,*

**Psalms 23:3** *he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

**Psalms 23:4** *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

**Psalms 23:5** *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

**Psalms 23:6** *Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

**John 15:4-5** *Remain in me, as I also remain in you... I am the vine; you are the branches... apart from me you can do nothing.*

**Proverbs 27:23** *Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds;*

**Matthew 6:33** *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**John 1:29** *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

### Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. What's something simple that makes you feel cared for?
2. Do you like routine, or do you prefer to go with the flow?

### Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

3. Pastor Mike said God isn't just the God who occasionally provides — He's Jehovah Raah, the Shepherd who continually cares. Where in your life do you tend to treat God's care as occasional rather than constant?
4. "You'll never shepherd like Jesus until you learn to live like His sheep." What would it look like for you to abide in Him instead of striving on your own this week?

### Start Sharing

5. Psalm 23 is written about one sheep — you. Is there an area of your life where you've felt like just a face in the crowd instead of someone God sees, guides, and feeds personally?
6. Think of a "valley" you're walking through right now. How would it change things to know God isn't waiting for it to end before He shows up — He's feeding you in the middle of it?

**Start Doing: Commit to Act**

7. This week, practice one "sheep handling" principle on someone you lead or care for — lead instead of drive, keep the memory positive, or simply stop pushing and give them space.
8. "Ministry begins when faces replace crowds." Choose one person this week and get to know the face behind the name — ask how they're really doing, and really listen.

**Praying:****Lord Jesus,**

Thank You for being our Shepherd — the One who cares for us continually, not occasionally. Teach us to stop striving and simply remain in You. When we walk through dark valleys, remind us that You are with us, feeding us even in the middle of the fight. Help us see, guide, and feed others the way You do for us.

**In Jesus' name, amen.**

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