

# COMFORTING SHEPHERD

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

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## TRACK 2

### COME TO ME

Lord, You know all of my great attempts and efforts wanting to change my life – wanting to move into a place of peace and rest. I have worked so hard – I have tried to be righteous as I carried out my duties and responsibilities, but they have felt like heavy burdens, wearing me out and not bringing me the changed life I was hoping for.

Lord, the responsibility of trying to achieve my own dreams, to live right and do right – was met with strain and distress, my fortune eludes me, instead anxiety and grief has been my bread. I have become edgy and tense, discontented and restless. My first impulse is to get up and run, to fix my own and others problems, to meet their needs by my own meager recourses. Resting in You and receiving from you has eluded me.

The weight of my stress and the load of my pains are increasing, I am overloaded, overburdened and overwhelmed. Others don't see all I do, they do not know my heart, they misinterpret me, and they are even hurtful and unkind, expecting more out of me. The accumulated cargo of my life is too much, too heavy, too difficult to handle, I am coming to my end.

'Come to me.'

I hear you say it again; 'Come to me'

I hear your Command again 'Come to me and I will give you rest'

YES LORD, I am so ready, I receive this invitation,

HERE I AM LORD...

I COME TO YOU RIGHT NOW....

Father, your promise is for me to enter a Sabbath rest. That you've made available for all your children – I am confident I will reach this rest. This rest will benefit me greatly, because I have heard this message about rest, I have opened my heart to it.

My trust in you, I mix with my faith in your great and precious promises, so I go through the cross to the resurrection side of life, entering my Sabbath rest, sizing from my works, as You Father sized from Yours.

Thank you for taking me by the hand with your reassuring touch, calling me with your tender tone of voice, giving me focused personal attention, as you leave the 99 sheep behind, looking for me, until you find me, rescuing me to bring me safely home.

Again I hear you Jesus, saying: 'lie down, see these green, lush, pastures, lie down in these meadows of peace and I will give you true rest.

I lie down

I am nurtured by the tranquility

I lie down and find rest in the finished work of my Christ.

Jesus, You are my Shepherd, my Good Shepherd,

I know that these green lush pastures did not just happen by chance

You went before me to prepare this place of rest and peace

You tilled and prepared the soil,

You cleared out the rocks of life that produced a stony heart in me

You broke up the hard, proud clay of my emotions through Your Word of truth and Your Spirit of love.

Jesus, My Shepherd

You designed and purposed this place of rest and provision for me, this place of abundance

You have provided all that I need for all of my life, you have held nothing back from me, you gave it all

The sight of me quietly feeding in this place – fully satisfies You, it bring you joy when I am able to rest in your finished work

Lord, you are my green field where I lie down and relax

You refresh me and reassure me

You take my load off and let me chill out

You let me take time off to recharge my batteries

You give me a vacation and make sure I take all my holidays

You ensure that I practice this new lifestyle of rest, until the complete rest of you, the rest of Christ posses me.

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