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What Do You Need This Week? Resourcing is a significant issue in organisations and businesses. We have a language related to it. We have human resources departments or managers, IT resource management and people dealing with funding resources, both capital and revenue. We even adapt the words to describe our approach. So some of our tasks are now outsourced. The challenge in many situations is to make sure that resources are sufficient to meet changing or increasing demands. From a personal point of view when resources are insufficient to meet real or even perceived demands, we describe ourselves as stressed.

So what do you need this week? What do you need today? Maybe you feel you are short of time, help, expertise, finance or a whole range of other resources. David's argument in his 23rd Psalm is that because the Lord is his Shepherd, he has everything he needs. The phrase is translated variously as 'I shall not want'; 'I shall lack nothing'; or 'I have everything I need'.

It's very hard to believe, in the middle of a working week, that you are not under-funded, underpaid, overworked or overstretched. It is difficult to feel the certainties of this phrase in an uncertain world. But David is not joking, he is not playing make-believe. He is arguing that in the Shepherd- Lord, we have all we need to do and to be what is necessary. Maybe the challenge is to concentrate more on the Shepherd than the needs. Maybe it is not our needs that are too big but our understanding of the Shepherd that is too small.

THIS WAKE UP CALL IS PART OF A SERIES LOOKING AT PSALM 23.

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An Apology

We had some technical problems last week. See [Wake Up News for explanation.](#)

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WAKE UP NEWS

Demand for Wake Up Call is growing rapidly. We are working hard to upgrade our systems to meet this demand.

As you may have experienced, we had some technical difficulties this week which meant some incorrect emails were sent. Those of you in IT may sympathize. We do need you, however, to *update your profile* (click link on left of email) at the site and if necessary change your temporary member name and password. The *donate* link also is corrected on this email. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience. You may like to re read issue 38 at

our *archive* entitled 'Mistakes' in order to forgive us! Thank you.

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Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.