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Do you ever find it hard to know what is the right thing to do at work? Sometimes it's clear, obvious, regulated or proscribed. In these cases, it merely involves following an agreed explicit protocol, rule or procedure. At other times there are choices to be made, with consequences to follow. These choices may not always be between right and wrong. For a person with a conscience that should be a simple choice. It is when the choice is between possibly right and possibly right or possibly wrong and maybe wrong that it all gets a bit messy. Some situations are such that there is no apparent ideal solution. Whichever decision you make someone may get hurt. Because of the complexity and variety, no guidebook or set of guidelines will do. What we need is a living guide.

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David knew that for his sheep to survive he would have to guide them in the right paths. Paths that lead to food, water and shelter. Paths that minimise the risk of attack or injury. David therefore knew that for his own life he needed a guide, someone who knows the area, understands the dangers and can find ways through.

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Any shepherd worth his salt would use his knowledge of the area to keep his flock intact, safe and secure. After all he had a vested interest in looking after the sheep. Flock losses would be bad for his reputation apart from anything else.

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So the image opens up. The Divine Shepherd is your guide in decision-making. He knows the area and can find ways through. The 'paths of righteousness' combines the concept of doing well with the aspect of moral correctness. It is no easy thing for a sheep to be guided by a shepherd. There are many other voices and countless distractions. There are inner weaknesses and stupidities which muddle the brain. One thing however should be a source of encouragement to us. The Divine Shepherd has a vested interest in guiding us along the

right paths. His reputation is damaged when we are damaged. He guides for His Name's sake as well as our well being. Both sheep and shepherd in partnership to do the right thing for the best outcomes makes good business sense, whatever your business. If you only have time for a short prayer today "please guide me" will not go unheard.

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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.