

The Lord is My Shepherd



The Makings of a Special Psalm



➤ The author of the psalm makes it special.

1 Samuel 13:14

¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

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- The background of the author makes it special.

1 Samuel 17:34-35

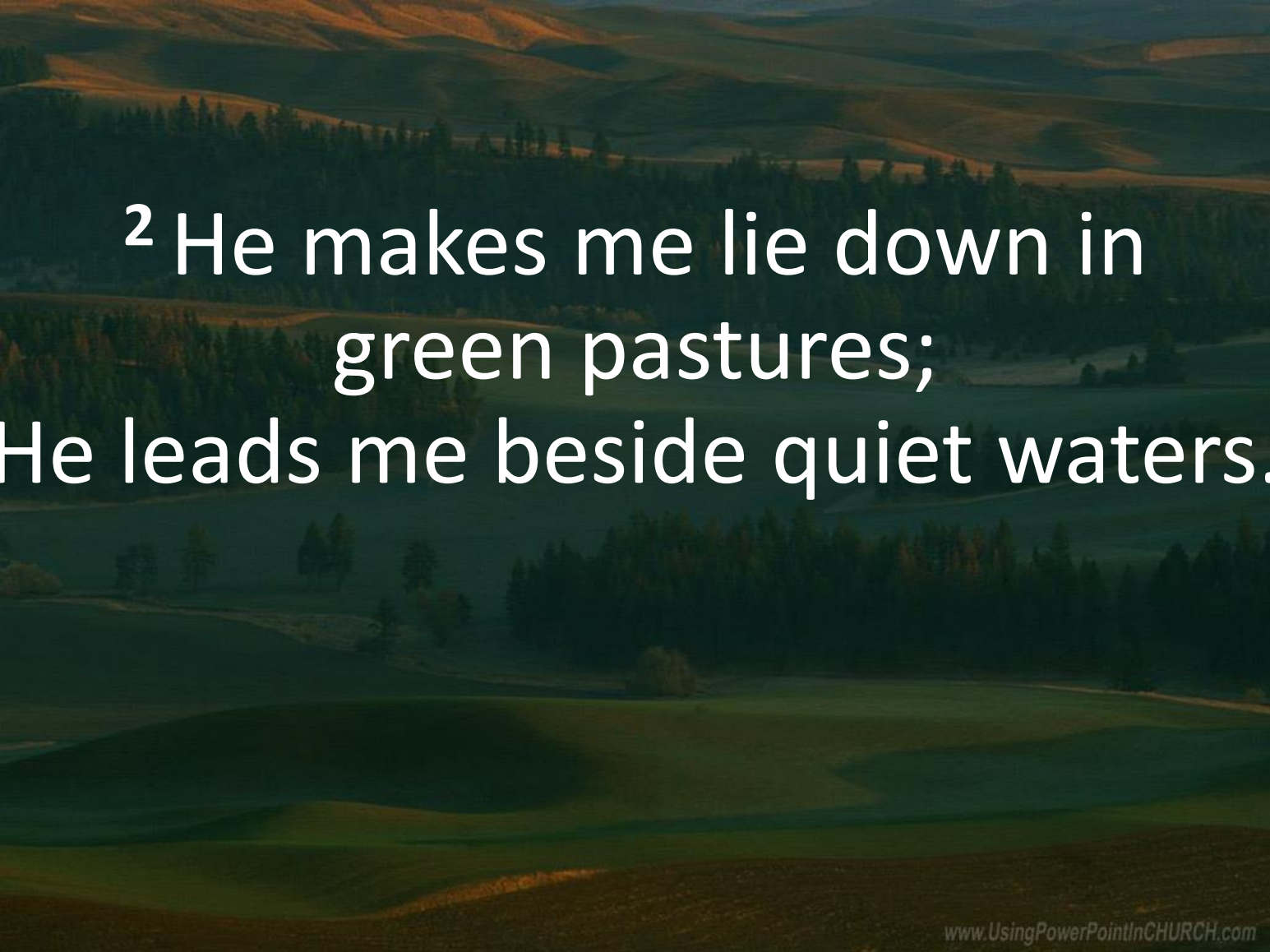
³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant was tending his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

³⁵ I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued *it* from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized *him* by his beard and struck him and killed him.

Psalm 23

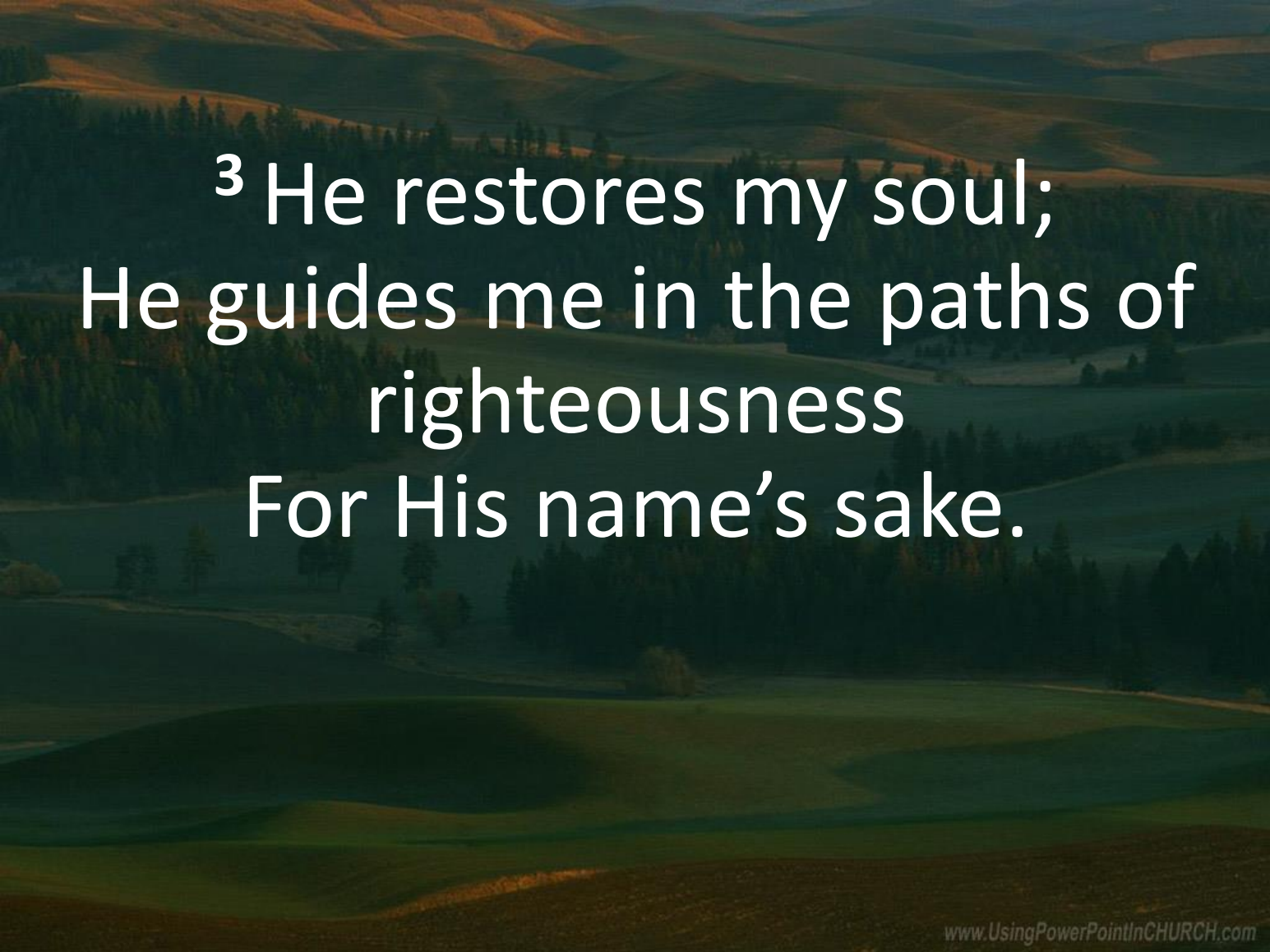
¹ The LORD is my shepherd,
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² He makes me lie down in
green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.

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³ He restores my soul;
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For His name's sake.

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⁴ Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
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⁵ You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

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⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness
will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the
LORD forever.

Why It Resonates With Us



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1) This psalm is about us.

Isaiah 53:6

⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the LORD has caused the iniquity of
us all
To fall on Him.

Matthew 9:36

³⁶ Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

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2) This psalm is about guidance.

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➤ God will provide for us and protect us.

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

³ But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil *one*.

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3) This psalm is about contentment.

Philippians 4:11-13

¹¹ Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

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¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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4) This psalm is about God.

Matthew 18:12-14

¹² “What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

Matthew 18:12-14

¹³ If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

¹⁴ So it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

Living In This Psalm



➤ The shepherd theme would deepen further in Jesus.

John 10:11-16

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

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¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

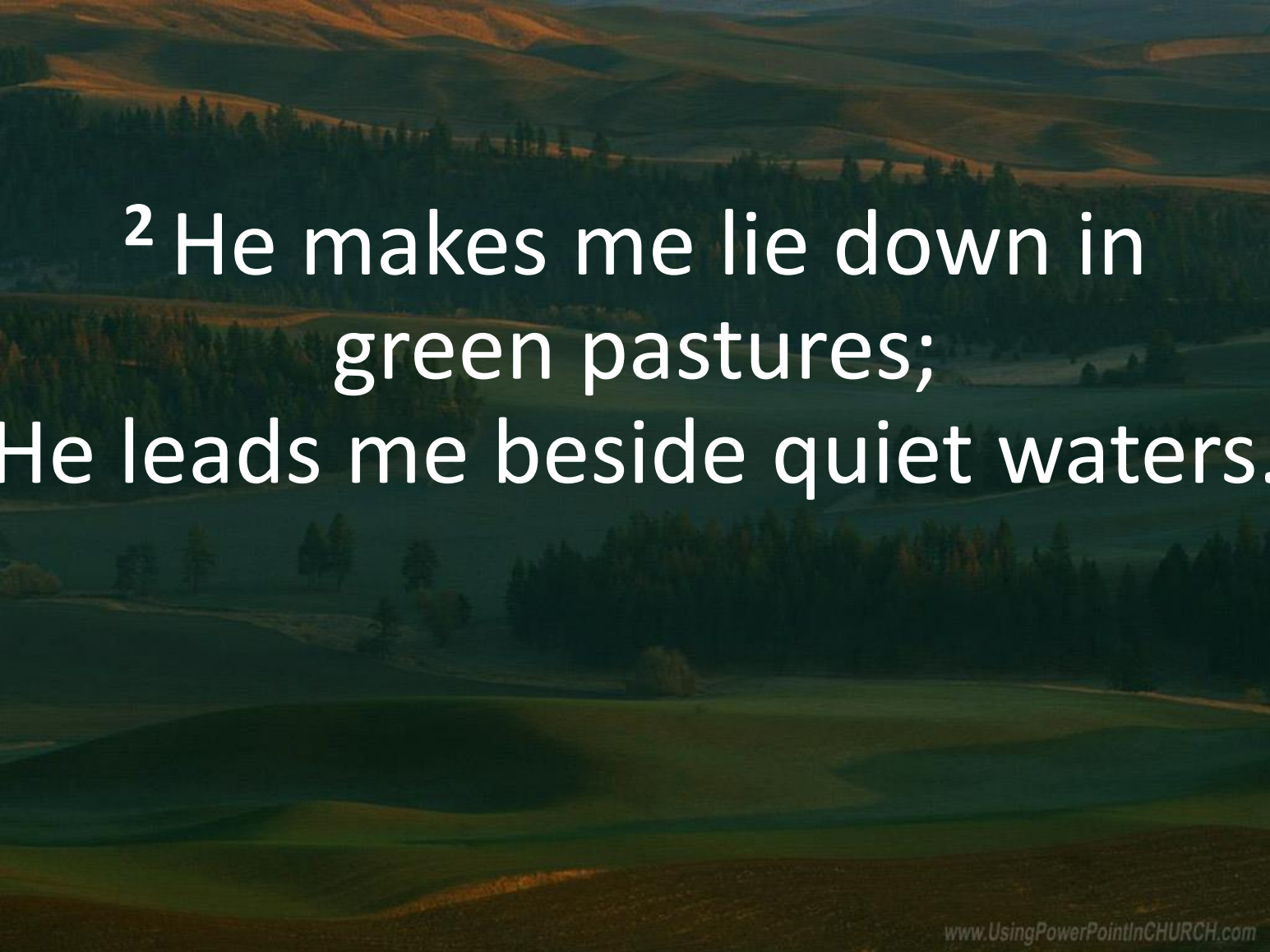
1 Peter 2:25

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

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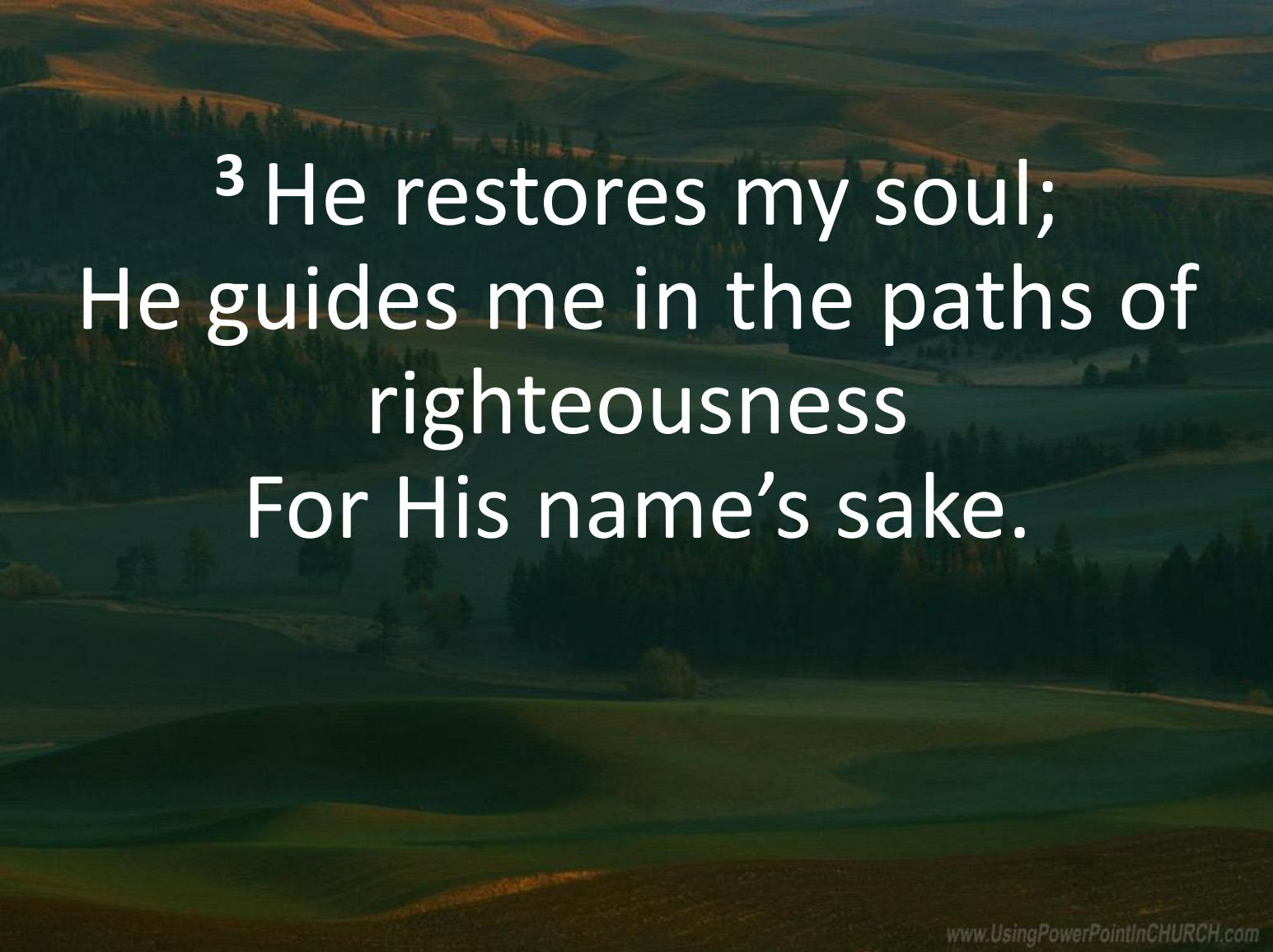
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➤ May we come to truly know
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