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**ReFocus: Enjoying God's Presence**

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**Psalms 23:6 (NIV):** I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Thought #1: I Can Have Assurance About My Forever Home**

**Romans 10:9 (NIV):** If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Colossians 4:12 (NIV):** Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

**1 John 5:13 (NIV):** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Ephesians 6:14-17 (NIV):** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NLT):** But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

**Thought #2: I Should Be Joyful About My Forever Home**

**Exodus 23:19 (NIV):** Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.

**1 Kings 8:11 (ESV):** The priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Revelation 21:1-3 (NIV): Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

**John 14:1-3 (NIV):** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am."

**Takeaway: Turn To Psalm 23, Often**

**Takeaway: Make The Lord Your Shepherd, Always.**