Series: The Shadow of Death

Title: Comfort

Text Psalm 23:4b

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your rod and your staff,

they comfort me. (ESV)

Organizational Sentence:

Today’s passage shows two Shepherd’s tools that should bring us comfort.

Outline:

1. The rod comforts by protecting from external threats.
   1. Contrast: sling for distant threats you may not notice.
   2. Rod was used for nearby threats – club them!
   3. Also – used to count sheep going into the fold.
2. The staff comforts by protecting from internal threats.
   1. Protects from self-destruction
   2. Protects you from other sheep
   3. Protects from you harming others

Bottom Line:

Even when our shepherd gets rough, it is for our good and comfort.