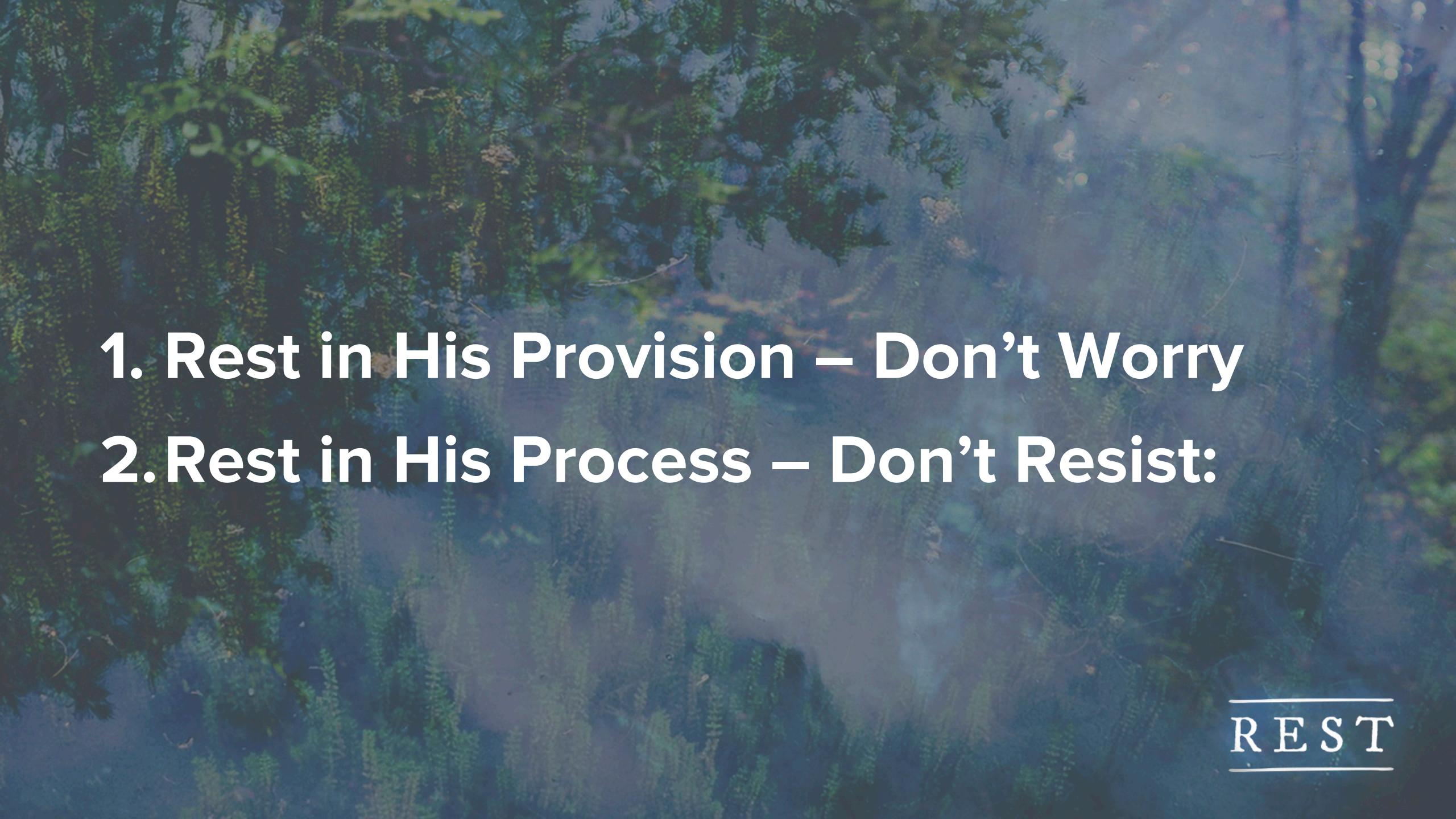
Definition of Rest:

Rest is possessing the peace, blessing and victory that God has promised to His people.

Rest is a special type of faith that enables us to be in pressure and conflict and still remain calm and at peace. $\frac{1}{REST}$



- 1. Rest in His Provision Don't Worry
- 2. Rest in His Process Don't Resist
- 3. Rest in His Protection Don't Run



¹The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23 (NIV)

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Psalm 23:4-6 (NIV)

Rest in His Protection Against Fear:

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will **fear no evil**, for you are with me; your <u>rod</u> and your <u>staff</u>, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NIV)



Rest in His Protection Against Fear:

Fear is to be worried, anxious or afraid of someone or something; It's being focused on an unknown danger.



Rest in His Protection Against Fear

FEAR Defined:

- -Feelings
- -Emerge
- -Against
- -Reason

Rest in His Protection Against Fear

Rest doesn't have to:

- -See to rest
- -Know to rest
- -Be Sheltered to rest

Rest is FAITH in the protection of God.

Rest in His Protection Against Fear

God has a Two-Fold Readiness to Protect His sheep:

- 1. His Rod to strike
- 2. His Staff to guide and steer from danger



You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psalm 23:5 (NIV)



The presence of the Enemy is always trumped by the presence of God.

The 3 Ways He Protects Us:

- 1. He feeds us in the presence of the Enemy
- 2. He anoints us in the presence of the Enemy
- 3. The Enemy is forced to watch



God wants to nourish us in the midst of our conflicts.

God wants to make us prosperous through the process of conflict.

God promises to back the Enemy down while our cup overflows. \overline{REST}