

## Pastor's Weekly Devotional- May 7, 2015

### **“Jesus, Our Good Shepherd”**

In the ancient world, the man who held the lowest position in the household was given charge of the flocks. He had the responsibility of leading the sheep to new pastures and fresh water. He defended them from predators. He went looking for lost sheep when they strayed. His was a humble job because it was menial and indelicate.

The shepherd lived among the sheep and slept across the doorway of the fold to keep the sheep in and the wolves out. His was a filthy, smelly and thankless work.

The astonishing thing is that Jesus sat among His followers in the ancient culture and said: “I am the Good Shepherd” (John 10: 11, 14).

However, we have missed the impact of those words. We have a rustic but rosy view of Jesus as a Shepherd. Realistically, the Sovereign God of the universe humbled Himself and got His hands dirty working directly with errant, willful and sinful humans.

When we realize what Jesus our Shepherd has done for us, and continues to do for our sake, how can we respond with anything less than grateful worship?

Jesus is more than our Shepherd. Thankfully, we are more than just a herd to Him. He knows everything about each one of us – our name – our character and flaws – and loves us with all our imperfections.

What better way to show our love to our Shepherd than to know His voice and follow where He leads.

Remember I mentioned that the shepherd laid across the door of the sheep pen. That's what Jesus did! He became the door for us. He sacrificed His life for the flock of humanity so that anyone who chooses to believe in Him may enter God's fold. And once inside, we are provided for, sought after when we wander, and protected from harm. Why not trust your Shepherd today? He is a Good Shepherd!

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday as we **Celebrate Mother's Day! *The sermon this Sunday is entitled: “Can't is not an Option,” says a Persistent Mother.***

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