

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WHO IS JESUS? PART 1

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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! John 10:1 NLT

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 NLT

Four Challenges Of Being A Sheep

1. Sheep get lost easily.
2. Sheep are defenseless.
3. Sheep are stubborn.
4. Sheep are filthy.

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him (Jesus) the sins of us all. Isaiah 53:6

WHAT DOES THE GOOD SHEPHERD DO?

- He _____

The gatekeeper opens the gate for [the shepherd], and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. John 10:3-4 NLT

- He _____

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul... Psalm 23:1-3

- He _____

Blessed are those whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal. Job 5:17-18

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete. James 1:2-5

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his child." Endure hardship as discipline... No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:5-7,11

- He _____

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Psalm 23:4-6

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home... Luke 15:4-6

For Discussion

- When has God provided for you during a time of need? How did that experience affect your relationship with God?
- Where might you need God's guidance and protection?

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*