





# Finding Our Way Home



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- Our longing for deep intimate friends.
- How close can a person get to God? Is that possible at all?
- Christ is the good shepherd leading and caring for His sheep.
- As the lamb of God, Christ modeled trust to His Master's ultimate plan.

No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you (John 15:15).

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# Our Goals

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"I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15).

- A** God provides a good Shepherd. → Rejoice in God's goodness
- B** Christ is our Shepherd; we are His sheep. → Trust God completely
- C** We are to extend God's love to others. → Love others unconditionally

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# A God Provides a Shepherd

Rejoice in a Good Shepherd

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- 1) We Strayed From God**  
"And they were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and were scattered" (Eze 34:5). We were sinners.
- 2) There Was None To Help**  
"My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth; and there was no one to search or seek for them" (Eze 34:6). We could not find God.
- 3) Religious Leaders Didn't Help**  
"...The shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock" (Eze 34:8).
- 4) God Himself Would Care For His People**  
"For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out" (Eze 34:11). God found us!

Express your gratefulness to God for searching you out!

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# B Christ is Our Shepherd

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- 1) A Shepherd Knows**  
"I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me" (John 10:14). Jesus knows me.
- 2) A Shepherd Provides**  
"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters" (Psalm 23:1-2). Jesus cares for me
- 3) A Shepherd Protects**  
"Even though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; The rod and staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). I can fully trust Him

Fill in the blank, "Even though I walk \_\_\_\_\_, I will fear no evil.

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# C Extend God's Love

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### 1) God's Call for Some Lambs to Shepherd

"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers" (Eph 4:11).

### 2) God's Command For Us To Love Others

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God" (1 John 4:7).

### 3) Seeking Other Sheep

"Jesus said, 'I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also'" (John 10:16).

### 4) The Need To Love Others In Truth And In Action

"If anyone has material possession and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3 17-18).

Identify God's sheep around you. How do you help care for them?

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## Take Home Project

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- Memory Verses (John 10:14-15)
- Develop a God-attentiveness (Journaling)

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- Pass on the Shepherd's Love

- \* Relative
- \* Friend

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

"I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15, NASB)

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## Summary

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**A** God chooses to care for us. He wants us to join Him in loving the sheep He has chosen.

**B** God cares for us like a lamb. We are ignorant and very dependent. He sets shepherds over us to feed and care for us.

**C** Go out and notice the scattered sheep. You help care for them as God through Christ has cared for you.

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**Relational Discipleship**

**CROSS TRAINING**  
LEARNING TO GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND PEOPLE!



Grow in love  
for God

Grow in love  
for others

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