



## Looking Up to the Good Shepherd

Have you ever felt like the lamb who couldn't quite lift up your eyes to see the Good Shepherd? Jenna, from Blessed is She did ... and then she looked up. May her post – and looking up – do for you what it did for her. May you be blessed as the sheep of His pasture today..

*Dear friend,*

*Years ago I felt lost in nearly all the ways you could feel it: unconvinced that I was actually created to be a mother, lacking purpose in my work, apathy at the seeming demise of my marriage, questioning the reality of the Creator, and deep in sin without knowing I could keep coming to the fount of Mercy for a drink.*

*Years ago, I was a lamb who didn't realize my Shepherd's presence, walking in the dark without realizing He had a light that would make all of the blackness go away.*

*Years ago, I was in despair.*

*Years ago, I was afraid.*

*Years ago, I was apathetic.*

*Years ago, I didn't know how to get out.*

*Years ago, I was dead in sin.*

*Years ago, I was lost.*

*But Jesus, our Lord and Savior, He never left... He stayed close. And one day, I lifted my eyes to meet His.*

*One day, I saw the Shepherd who had been there all along. And now, I am found.*

*Now, I am free.*

*Now, I know in my inadequacies He is strong.*

*Now, I know in my apathy I find purpose in Him.*

*Now, I know in my doubt that He pours out faith.*

*Now, I know in my despair that He pours out hope.*

*Now, I know in my fear that He pours out love.*

*Now, I know in my death that He offers me life.*

*He wants to save you, too, friend. You are His treasured one. You are His child.*

*Let's lift our gaze off of ourselves and look to the One who is looking at us.*

*Let's open our darkened eyes so we can see His glorious light.*

*Let's let Him set us free.*

*To coming back to life,*

*-Jenna*

### Digging Deeper Questions

1. What causes you to feel that you can't lift your eyes up to see the Good Shepherd? What can you do to move past that feeling?
2. What areas of your leadership are you walking in the dark and need the Good Shepherd to shine a light for you?
3. What is a tangible way of Jesus setting you free so you can better shepherd others?