

***“Heart of a Shepherd”***  
**John 10:11-18; Romans 16:1-16**

*People in the western world, where the shepherding of flocks is normally done by driving sheep with dogs, may find it hard to grasp the intimacy seen in biblical shepherd passages. Here, the shepherd is pictured as having a personal attachment to the sheep, and the sheep are portrayed as recognizing the shepherd’s voice and responding. The rewards for this unique relationship are both satisfying and eternal.*

**1. Model for a Faithful Shepherd (John 10:11-18)**

- **Defense with His Own Life (vv.11-13)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Desire for His Own Flock (vv.14-18)**

**2. Reward for a Faithful Shepherd (Romans 16:1-16)**

- **Uncommon Diversity: Race, Rank, Gender**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Uncommon Unity: Shared Faith**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Uncommon Reality: Visible/Invisible Family (v.16)**