

I Am
I Am the Good Shepherd
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John 10:11-18 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not **own the sheep**. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and **scatters it**. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; **I know my sheep and my sheep know me**— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and **I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also**. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and **authority to take it up again**. This command I received from my Father.”

The Good Shepherd provides three things:

1. Ownership.

John 10:12-13 “The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not **own the sheep**. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and **scatters it**.”

Psalms 100:3 We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

1 Peter 1:18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited...

2. Friendship.

John 10:14-15 “I am the good shepherd; **I know my sheep and my sheep know me**— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and **I lay down my life for the sheep**.”

3. Partnership.

John 10:16 “**I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also**. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

John 10:17-18 “The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.”

Psalm 23:1-6 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. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Declare: God, You are my Shepherd, my guide, my protector, my banner of victory. You are everything I need. You are I am.

Discussion Questions:

- After listening to today’s message about Jesus being the Good Shepherd and looking at our theme passage John 10:11-18, what have you discovered that the Good Shepherd does for us?
- Jesus is trying to change something in us. How might God be changing you from who you were to who He wants you to be?
- Who may God be calling you to shepherd? Pray that you can step into that role.