

I AM JESUS—2

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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 VERY STUBBORN.
- 4) SHEEP ARE FILTHY.

WHAT DOES THE GOOD SHEPHERD DO?

- **HE GUIDES.**

...He guides me along the right paths^[SEP] for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3

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. ⁴ 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 PROVIDES.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul... Psalm 23:1-3

- **HE CORRECTS.**

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

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 12:11

- **HE PROTECTS.**

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. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ 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. 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? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home... Luke 15:4-6