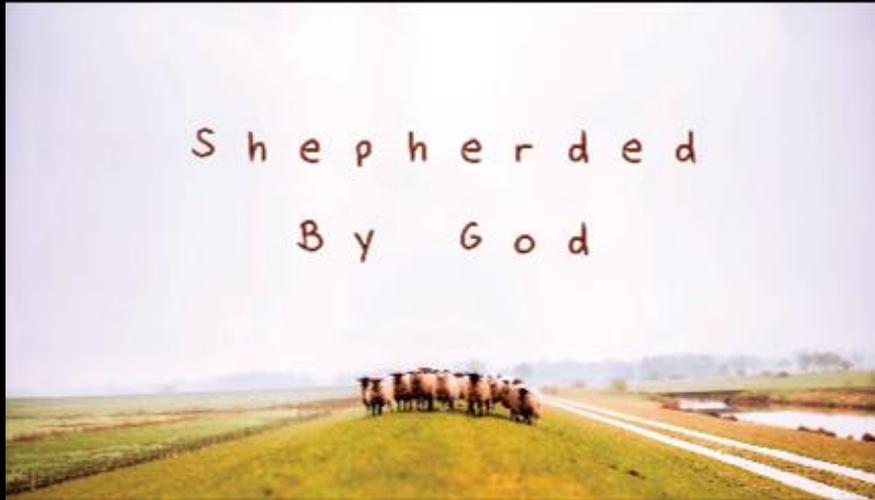


Message Series: Our Good Shepherd Leads Us



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In Search of Fulfillment

2 Chronicles 9:22-23

²² King Solomon was **greater** in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. ²³ All the kings of the earth sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart.

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1 Kings 11:3

³ He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray.

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Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

¹⁰ I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil.

¹¹ Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

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Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

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- Things that God will do no matter what.
- Examples: *The creation of the world. Sending Jesus to die and rise again to redeem our sins. Future victory.*

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2. Preceptive/Moral Will of God

- Guidelines that are in Scripture.
- Sinful vs Non-Sinful actions/thoughts/attitudes.

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- Direction for your specific life.
- Potential 'fork in the road' moments.

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3. Personal Prayer

- Humbly come before God with an eagerness to know and live his will.
- Ask God to help remove heart barriers.

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6. Act in Faith

- Do not be crippled by prolonged indecision.
- Sometimes both paths can be honoring to God.

