

DIVINE

PLACEMENT

soul-healer

peacemaker

nurturing

reconciler

caregiver

SHEPHERDING

tenderhearted

helper

protector

unifier

EPHESIANS 4:7-14

⁷ BUT GRACE WAS GIVEN TO EACH ONE OF US ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF CHRIST'S GIFT. ⁸ THEREFORE IT SAYS, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH HE LED A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." ⁹ [IN SAYING, "HE ASCENDED," WHAT DOES IT MEAN BUT THAT HE HAD ALSO DESCENDED INTO THE LOWER REGIONS, THE EARTH? ¹⁰ HE WHO DESCENDED IS THE ONE WHO ALSO ASCENDED FAR ABOVE ALL THE HEAVENS, THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS.] ¹¹ AND HE GAVE THE APOSTLES, THE PROPHETS, THE EVANGELISTS, THE SHEPHERDS AND TEACHERS, ¹² TO EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST,

EPHESIANS 4:7-14

¹³ UNTIL WE ALL ATTAIN TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO MATURE MANHOOD, TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST, ¹⁴ SO THAT WE MAY NO LONGER BE CHILDREN, TOSSED TO AND FRO BY THE WAVES AND CARRIED ABOUT BY EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE, BY HUMAN CUNNING, BY CRAFTINESS IN DECEITFUL SCHEMES.

DEFINITION – POIMEN (POY-MANE’):

- **LITERALLY, “A SHEPHERD” AS SEEN IN 1 PETER 5:2**
- **THE ABSENCE OF THE DEFINITIVE ARTICLE “THE” BETWEEN SHEPHERD AND TEACHER SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT THOSE WITH A SHEPHERDING OFFICE IN THE 1ST CENTURY CHURCH WOULD ALSO HAVE THE GIFT OF TEACHING**

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a long, straight road stretching into the distance under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a blue-grey color palette. The road is the central focus, leading the eye towards the horizon. The sky is filled with soft, layered clouds, and the overall mood is contemplative and serene.

THE FUNCTION OF A SHEPHERD

1 PETER 5:1-3

¹ SO I EXHORT THE ELDERS AMONG YOU, AS A FELLOW ELDER AND A WITNESS OF THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, AS WELL AS A PARTAKER IN THE GLORY THAT IS GOING TO BE REVEALED: ² SHEPHERD THE FLOCK OF GOD THAT IS AMONG YOU, EXERCISING OVERSIGHT, NOT UNDER COMPULSION, BUT WILLINGLY, AS GOD WOULD HAVE YOU; NOT FOR SHAMEFUL GAIN, BUT EAGERLY; ³ NOT DOMINEERING OVER THOSE IN YOUR CHARGE, BUT BEING EXAMPLES TO THE FLOCK.

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PSALM 23

¹ THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

² HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES.

HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.

³ HE RESTORES MY SOUL.

HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

⁴ EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,

I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;

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PSALM 23

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 GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME

ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,

AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

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JOHN 10:1-5

¹ “TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, HE WHO DOES NOT ENTER THE SHEEPFOLD BY THE DOOR BUT CLIMBS IN BY ANOTHER WAY, THAT MAN IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER. ² BUT HE WHO ENTERS BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP. ³ TO HIM THE GATEKEEPER OPENS. THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE, AND HE CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM OUT. ⁴ WHEN HE HAS BROUGHT OUT ALL HIS OWN, HE GOES BEFORE THEM, AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM, FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. ⁵ A STRANGER THEY WILL NOT FOLLOW, BUT THEY WILL FLEE FROM HIM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW THE VOICE OF STRANGERS.”

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A dark, atmospheric landscape with a road leading to the horizon under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a road stretching from the foreground towards the horizon. The sky is filled with soft, dark clouds, and the overall mood is somber and contemplative.

JESUS: OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

JOHN 10:10-18

¹⁰ THE THIEF COMES ONLY TO STEAL AND KILL AND DESTROY. I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY. ¹¹ I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. ¹² HE WHO IS A HIRED HAND AND NOT A SHEPHERD, WHO DOES NOT OWN THE SHEEP, SEES THE WOLF COMING AND LEAVES THE SHEEP AND FLEES, AND THE WOLF SNATCHES THEM AND SCATTERS THEM. ¹³ HE FLEES BECAUSE HE IS A HIRED HAND AND CARES NOTHING FOR THE SHEEP. ¹⁴ I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME,

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Jesus, Our Good Shepherd

JOHN 10:10-18

¹⁵ JUST AS THE FATHER KNOWS ME AND I KNOW THE FATHER; AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. ¹⁶ AND I HAVE OTHER SHEEP THAT ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD. I MUST BRING THEM ALSO, AND THEY WILL LISTEN TO MY VOICE. SO THERE WILL BE ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD. ¹⁷ FOR THIS REASON THE FATHER LOVES ME, BECAUSE I LAY DOWN MY LIFE THAT I MAY TAKE IT UP AGAIN. ¹⁸ NO ONE TAKES IT FROM ME, BUT I LAY IT DOWN OF MY OWN ACCORD. I HAVE AUTHORITY TO LAY IT DOWN, AND I HAVE AUTHORITY TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN. THIS CHARGE I HAVE RECEIVED FROM MY FATHER.”

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- **LOVING ONE ANOTHER (JOHN 13:34-35)**
- **SHOWING HONOR TO ONE ANOTHER (ROMANS 12:10)**
- **FAILING TO PASS JUDGMENT ON ONE ANOTHER (ROMANS 14:13-14)**
- **WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER (ROMANS 15:7)**
- **INSTRUCTING ONE ANOTHER (ROMANS 15:14-15)**
- **SERVING ONE ANOTHER (GALATIANS 5:13-14)**
- **BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER (EPHESIANS 4:2C)**

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST: CARE-GIVERS

- **SHOWING KINDNESS TO ONE ANOTHER (EPHESIANS 4:32)**
- **EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 3:13-14)**
- **STIRRING ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS (HEBREWS 10:24-25)**
- **CONFESSING OF SINS TO ONE ANOTHER (JAMES 5:16)**
- **ARE WE CARING FOR AND SHOWING COMPASSION TO PEOPLE AROUND US?**

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