### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

#### Ps 23:1-6

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I 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 have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### The Lord declares that He is the Good Shepherd.

Is He your Good Shepherd?

Does the Shepherd love the sheep?

What really matters to us today?

#### Ezek 34:2-6

- 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel.
  Prophesy and say to those shepherds, "Thus says the Lord GOD,
  "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves!
  Should not the shepherds feed the flock?
  - "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat {sheep} without feeding the flock.
- 4 "Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.
- 5 "They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and were scattered.
  6 "My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth, and there was no one to search or seek {for them.}

#### Isa 40:11

11 Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry {them} in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing {ewes.}

#### Isa 53:4

4 Surely our griefs He himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

#### Isa 63:9

9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, and He lifted them and carried them all the days of old.

#### **Matt 8:3**

3 Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.— 6

#### Matt 8:16

16 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill.

#### Matt 9:36

36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

#### Matt 15:32

32 And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way."

#### Matt 18:11-13

- 11 ["For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]
- 12 "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?
- 13 "If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

#### Matt 23:37

37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

#### Heb 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as {we are, yet} without sin.

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## God has made us some promises that we can cling to!!

# Matt 6:33 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

#### John 6:37-40

- 37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.
- 38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- 39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.
- 40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

#### I Jn 5:12-15

- 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
- 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.
- 14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
- 15 And if we know that He hears us {in} whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

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# Gal 5:1 1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

### Hebrews 13:8 8 Jesus Christ (is) the same yesterday and today, (yea) and for ever.