



A MAN AND HIS STORIES #4
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
John 10:1-15
Call Study – Jason Park

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”
⁶This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. ⁷So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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. ¹²He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of 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 is not concerned about the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. **John 10:1-15**

SHEEP = BELIEVERS

SHEPHERD = JESUS

DOORKEEPER = PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE SHEPHERD

THIEF/ROBBERS (1, 8, 10) = PREVENT ACCESS

THE WOLF = SHEEP KILLER

THE SHEEPHOLD IS A PLACE OF PROTECTION

²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. **John 10:27-28**

SHEEP ARE SUBJECT TO ATTACK

⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ But resist him, firm in *your* faith....” **1 Peter 5:8**

ACCESS TO FELLOWSHIP CAN ONLY BE THROUGH JESUS

I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **John 10:9**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. **John 14:6**

LISTENING FOR HIS VOICE AND GO WHERE HE LEADS

² But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

WE WERE CALLED

²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, **He also called**; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. **Romans 8:29-30**

GOD’S MAN IS CALLED TO PROTECT THE SHEEP

Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep. **John 21:15-17**

MAN’S RESPONSIBILITY

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... **Ephesians 5:25-28**

MAN’S SACRIFICE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **Romans 12:1**

MAN’S ENDURANCE

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9**

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus.. **Hebrews 12:1-2**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are your thoughts on this parable?

Do you feel we have a sufficient fear of the devil's capability?

How can we provide better access to Jesus?

Who are your sheep?

How can we as men protect the flock from the enemy?

Does anyone have a prayer request?