



I AM the Good Shepherd

Scriptures: Jn. 10:11-18, Ps. 23:1-5, Lk. 15:1-7

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I Am The True Vine; The Way, The Truth, The Life; The Gate/Door; The Light of The World; The Bread of Life; The Resurrection and the Life.

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2. One of the attributes we see in a good Shepherd is that He **protects**. Let's look at some scriptures to see how God does this with His people. What stands out to you about how God protects His people, and how does recognizing Him as your protector challenge the need you may feel to protect things on your own? Isa 41:10, 2 Thess 3:3, Ps. 121:7–8

3. Another way the good Shepherd cares for His sheep is by providing **direction**. Let's look at the story found in Luke 5:1–11 and observe how Peter responds to what Jesus tells him to do. What do you notice about how Peter responds to Jesus, especially considering his experience as a fisherman?
 - a. In this passage Peter recognizes that he is a sinful man and responds by creating distance, yet Jesus invites him to follow Him. How does this challenge the way you respond to God when God's direction doesn't align with how you currently see yourself?

4. Scripture also shows that a good Shepherd **corrects** with purpose. Let's look at the following passage. Who does God correct, and how does that shape the way you respond to His correction in your own life? Heb 12:5-12

- a. What is one area where you sense God has been correcting you, and how does knowing that He does this out of love shape the way you wrestle with it?
5. After Jesus' resurrection, He has a personal conversation with Peter that centers around one question. Let's read John 21:15–17 and pay attention to what Jesus asks. As you reflect on this interaction, do you find yourself going to God mainly for direction, or engaging with Him in relationship and responding to Him in love?
- a. How does seeing what Jesus prioritizes before giving direction reshape the way you approach following Him?

TAKING IT HOME:

Seeing Jesus as the Good Shepherd changes how we live. He doesn't just point us in the right direction; He actually leads us. That means we don't have to carry the pressure of figuring everything out on our own. In Matthew 11:28–30, Jesus invites us to come to Him when we're tired and weighed down, and to trust His way instead of our own.

This week, ask the Holy Spirit:

Where am I still trying to lead instead of following You?
And as He shows you, take a moment to release that to Him and trust Him as your Shepherd.