

Daily Devotion For February 18, 2021

"I am the good shepherd." John 10:11

Last night, Sherry and I were playing a game to see to whom our cat Huey would come to. We both called Huey's name and tried to coax him to coming to us first. Well, Huey ended up going to Sherry. Now, if you have ever owned a pet, you know the bond that can form between an animal and its caretaker. Sherry is the one who feeds the cat, changes the water, the cat litter, and plays mostly with Huey.

In John 10, Jesus identifies himself as the good shepherd—someone who takes care of a flock of sheep. You and I might not love the idea of being compared to sheep, because they are not very bright animals. But there's a lot of power in this picture of Jesus as our shepherd.

A shepherd in those days was a caretaker. Sometimes the shepherd provided comfort to the animals when they were scared or injured, going as far as carrying them back to the flock when they had wandered off. Other times the shepherd had to correct and guide the sheep to get them where they needed to go. A good shepherd acted with the sheep's best interest in mind.

**Thought For Today:** In what ways is Jesus your Shepherd? Take time today to think about Jesus and what he does for us. He is much more than a teacher. He is our Master and Lord. His voice leads us on the path of life. His hand provides for our needs. His discipline keeps us out of harm's way. His love and care give us the best life possible.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Pray that you would learn to hear and trust the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow where He leads. Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.