

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

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John 10:14-15 (NIV)

***14**“I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep.”*

As I reflect on these scriptures, the first thought that comes to mind is Jesus proclaiming who he is and that He is willing and ready to die for us. Jesus shares this parable with the Pharisees to let them know that He is a Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd that looks after his sheep. A Good Shepherd who goes out to get his sheep when they go astray. In addition, a Good Shepherd will not leave his sheep as prey. He knows and loves us as His Father knows and loves Him. Can you imagine Jesus telling you; I am willing to die for you because I am your friend who loves you and takes away the world's sins, and my Father knows me and sent me to die for you.

We are all like sheep who need shepherding when the enemy strikes us. A sheep can get into danger because it is helpless and cannot defend itself among wild animals. A sheep will run when troubles come. Like ferocious animals strikes sheep without warning, the devil attacks us without warning. We can all testify that we have been hard-pressed on every side. We live in a troubling world that's perishing right in front of us. The news reports destruction around the black communities and leaders' fussing over economic status and people ignoring mask mandates while Covid-19 exists. Some people's way of life leading them straight to hell. Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepard because he has given us eternal life, and we never perish. Jesus knows his followers, and the Christian followers knows Jesus. God knows Jesus, and Jesus knows the Father.

Does your political leader know your name, and can you follow them? Are they willing to sacrifice their life for humankind? Jesus is the only one who laid down his life for us so we may have life.

Today, Jesus wants to be your Good Shepherd and best friend. Jesus is the redeemer of the world. He gives life and joy to the brokenhearted. Jesus said, "No one shall snatch them out of my hand."