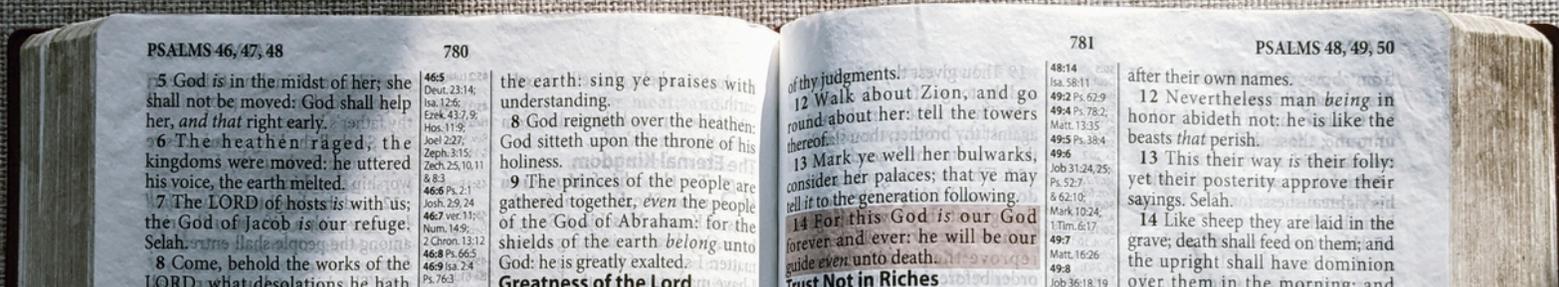


Sermon Weekly Devotions



“Following the Good Shepherd Together”

Day 1: Jesus is the Good Shepherd Who Lays Down His Life

Jesus is not just any shepherd—He is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep, calls them by name, and lays down His life for them. Before He ever asks for obedience or faithfulness, He first gives Himself completely, offering grace and forgiveness for every time we go astray. His sacrificial love is the foundation of our relationship with Him, and it is out of this love that we are invited to follow Him, trusting that He leads us with compassion and purpose. [39:32]

John 10:11, 14-16 (ESV)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

Reflection: In what area of your life do you need to trust Jesus as your Good Shepherd, believing that He has already laid down His life for you before asking anything in return?

Day 2: We Are One Family, Made Whole in Christ

God’s design for His people is not isolation but belonging; we are called to be a whole family, united in Christ. Sin breaks and divides, but Jesus’ love and forgiveness restore us, making us whole together. In this family, everyone is welcome—regardless of background, mistakes, or status—because our wholeness comes from Christ alone. Here, you are reminded that you belong, and together we experience the healing and unity that only Jesus can give. [43:24]

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (ESV)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

Reflection: Who in your church family or community needs to be reminded today that they belong and are made whole in Christ—and how can you reach out to them?

Day 3: Following Jesus Means Embracing All of God's Word

To follow the one true Shepherd is to listen to His voice in all of Scripture, not just the parts we prefer. God's Word is not a buffet to pick and choose from; it is a unified, trustworthy guide for our lives. We are called to read it in context, let it shape us, and allow it to challenge and change us, trusting that Jesus—the Word made flesh—leads us through every page. [[38:02](#)]

Psalm 23:1-4 (ESV)

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Reflection: Is there a part of God's Word you have been avoiding or struggling to accept? What would it look like to trust Jesus enough to follow Him even there?

Day 4: We Are Called to Reconcile and Care for One Another

As members of God's family, we are entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation—restoring relationships, forgiving as Christ forgave us, and caring for each other in both joy and hardship. This calling is not just for a few, but for all of us together, as we confess, forgive, and support one another, becoming living witnesses of God's grace to the world. [[46:46](#)]

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Reflection: Is there someone you need to forgive or be reconciled with today? How can you take a step toward that, trusting God's grace to lead you?

Day 5: The Journey Is Shared—Welcoming Others Into God's Family

Our mission is not complete until all whom God is calling have been welcomed into His family. We are sent together to share the good news, to invite others into the wholeness and belonging we have found in Christ. This journey is not meant to be walked alone; as one family following one Shepherd, we go out with love, compassion, and hope, knowing that Jesus is the answer the world needs. [[47:54](#)]

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Reflection: Who in your life or neighborhood might be longing for belonging and hope? How can you invite them to experience the love and family of Christ this week?