



DARKNESS TO LIGHT



**Isaiah 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—  
every one—to his own way;**

**Jeremiah 50:6 - “My people have been lost sheep.**

**1 Peter 2:25 - For you were straying like sheep,**

**Psalm 119:176 - I have gone astray like a lost sheep;**

**Matthew 18:12 - What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep,  
and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on  
the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?**





**The Good Shepherd**

## John 10:1-6

**“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.**

**4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”**



## John 10:14-15

“I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.”





**“There could be no knowledge more intimate than Jesus’ knowledge of the Father, and there is no knowledge more intimate than that which he has of us! His knowledge extends into the deepest part of our lives. It even goes back beyond birth.”**

**- Kent Hughes**

## Psalm 139:15–16

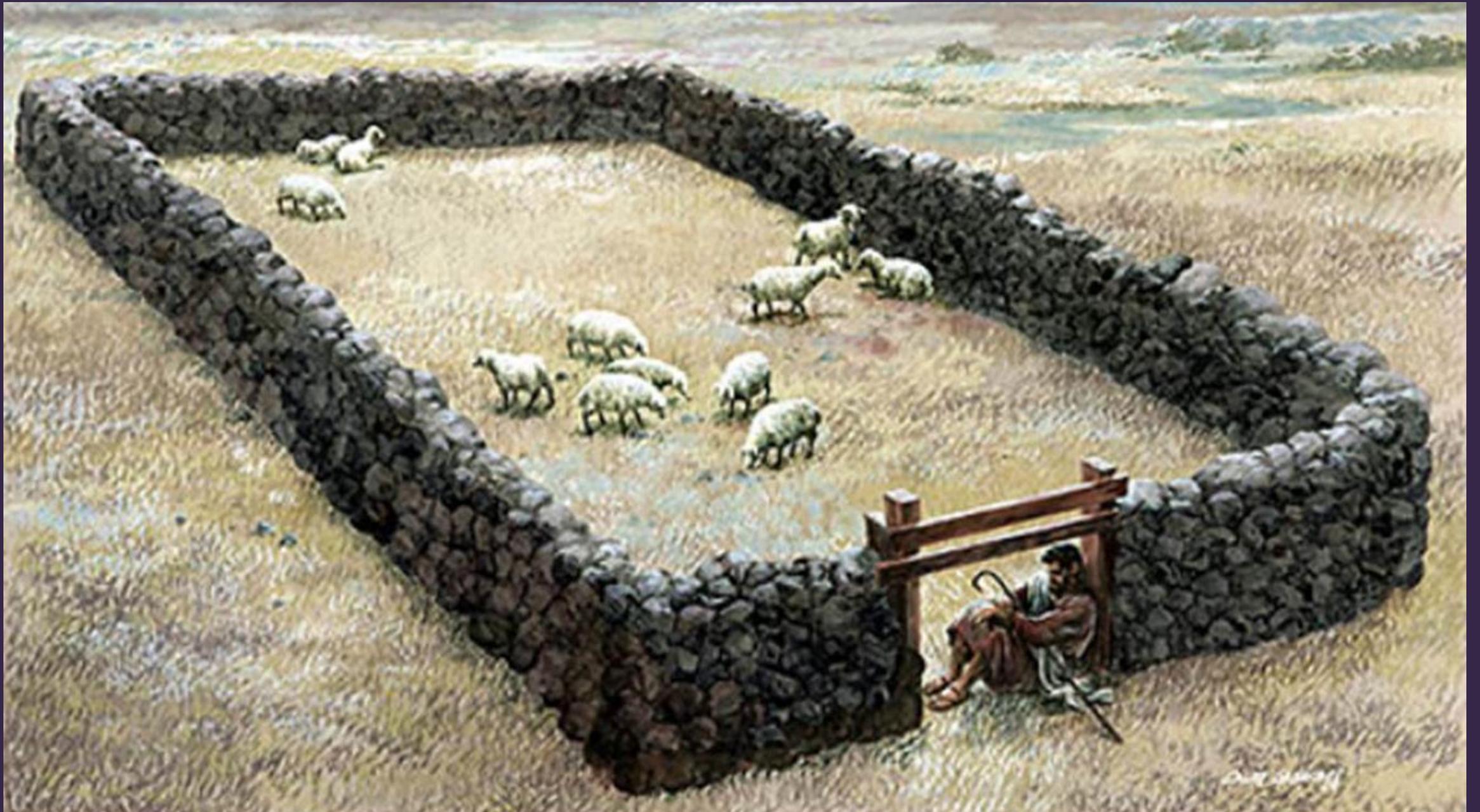
**My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**



## John 10:7-10

Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

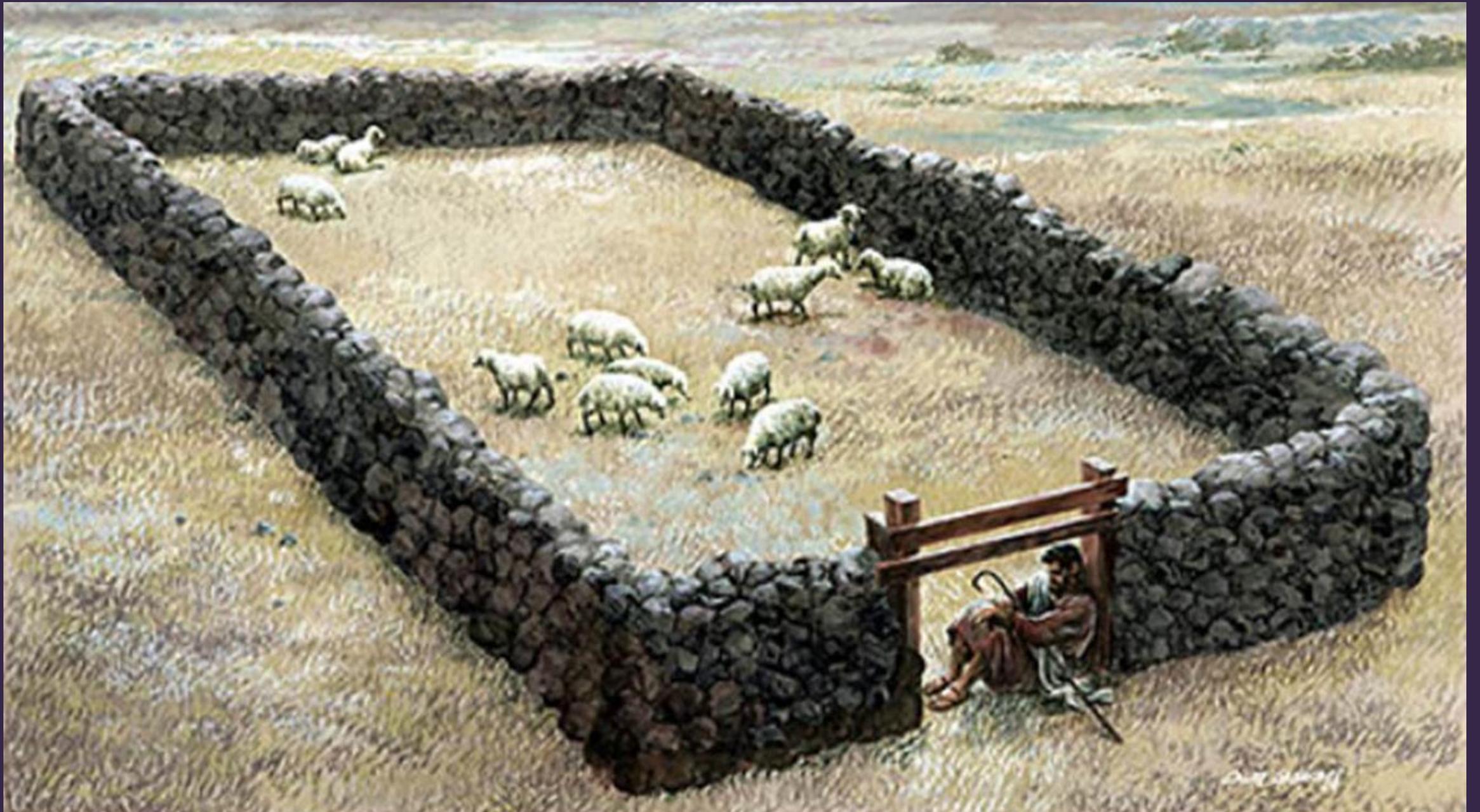




**John 14:6**

**“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**





## **John 10:10-13**

**“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

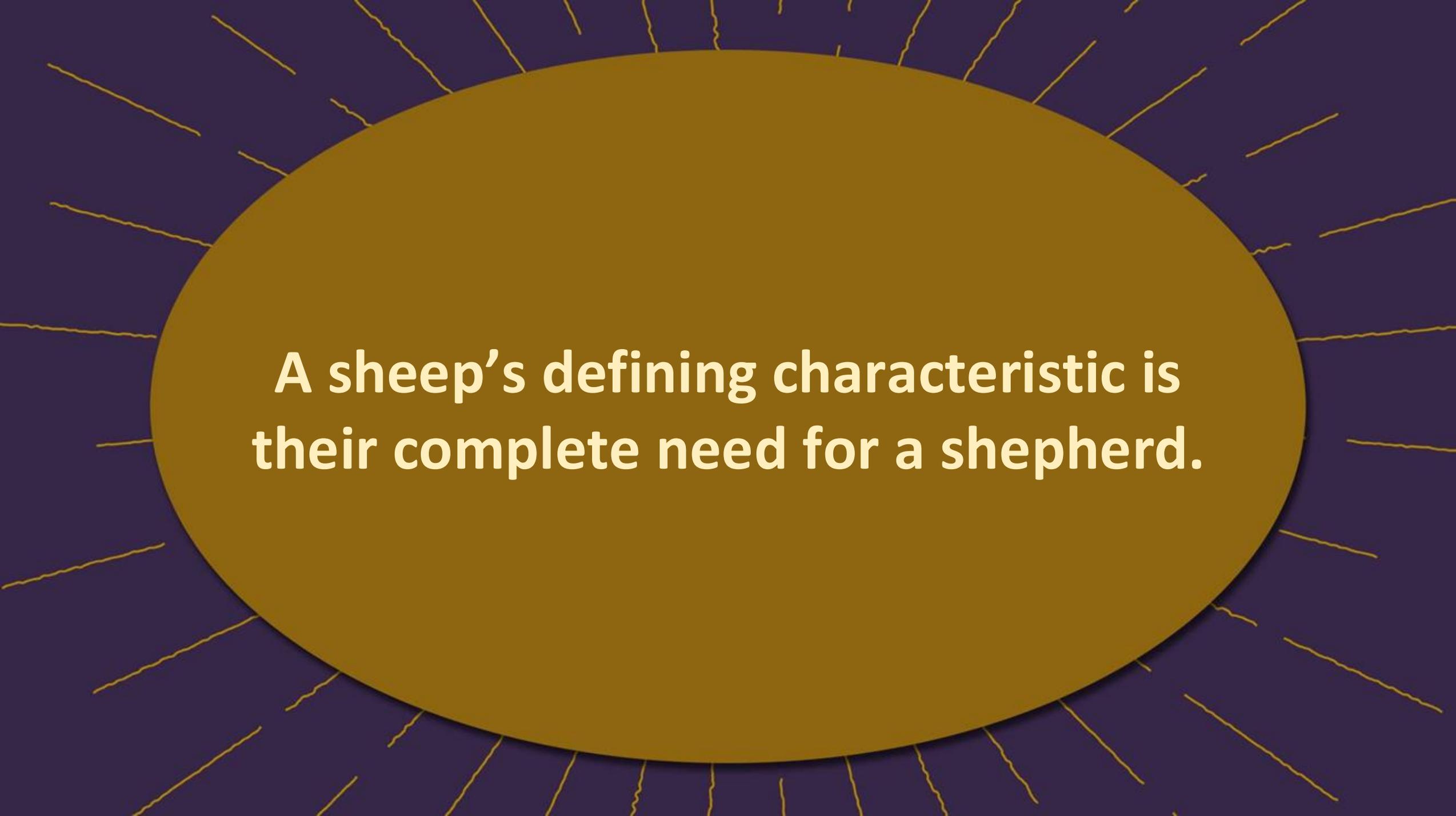
**I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.**



## John 10:17-18

**The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life— only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”**





**A sheep's defining characteristic is  
their complete need for a shepherd.**

<b>The Good Shepherd</b>	<b>The Sheep</b>
<b>Enters the gate</b>	<b>Listen to His voice</b>
<b>Calls the sheep</b>	<b>Follow Him</b>
<b>Leads the sheep</b>	<b>Come in and go out of the gate (shepherd) to find pasture</b>
<b>Goes on ahead of the sheep</b>	<b>Know Him</b>
<b>Brings life to the sheep</b>	
<b>Lays down his life for his sheep</b>	
<b>Knows his sheep</b>	
<b>Brings other sheep in from outside the fold</b>	



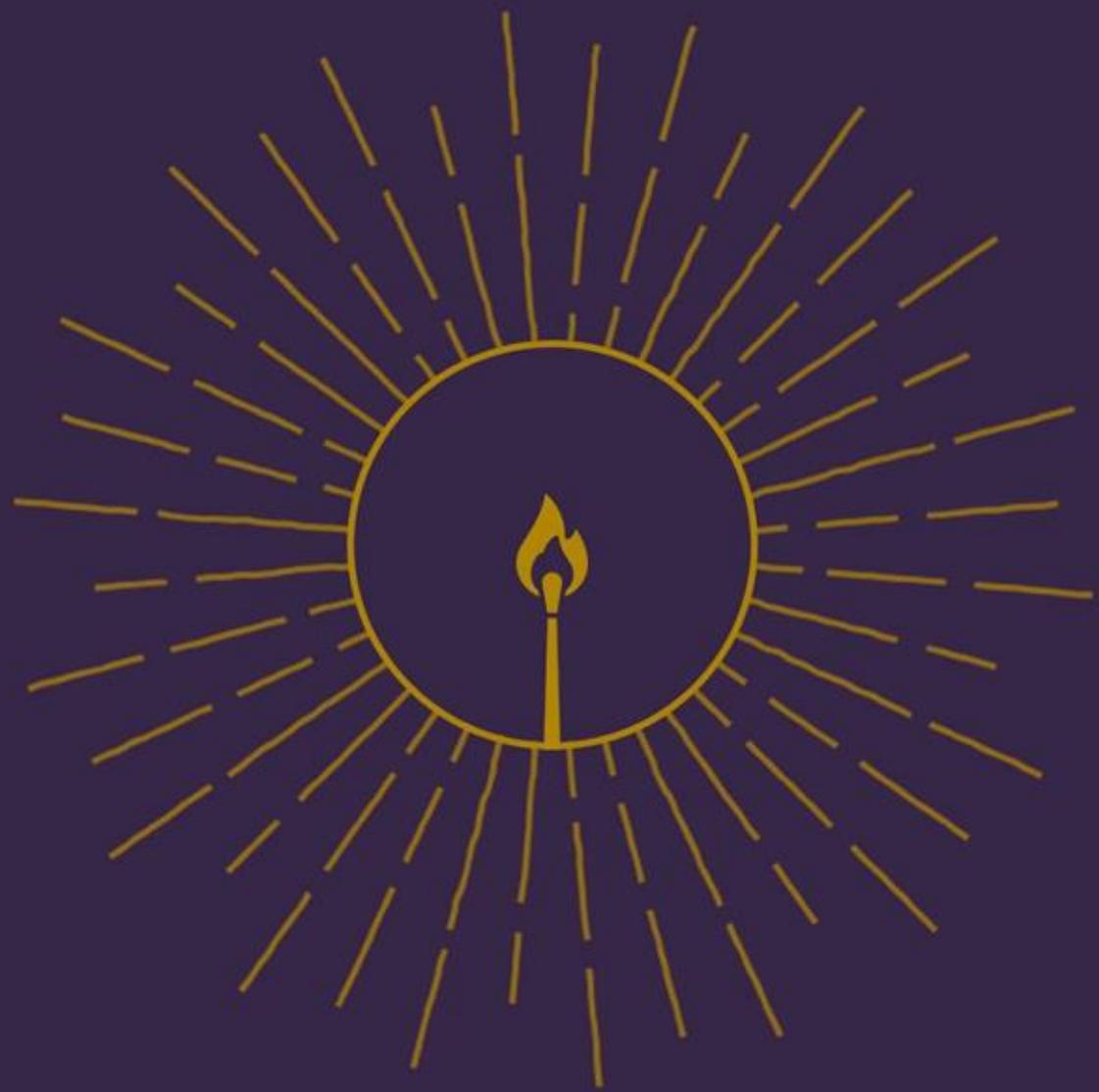
## **Acts 17:25-26**

**“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.”**

## **Colossians 1:16-17**

**“For in him all things were created...all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”**







<b>The Good Shepherd</b>	<b>The Sheep</b>
<b>Enters the gate</b>	<b>Listen to His voice</b>
<b>Calls the sheep</b>	<b>Follow Him</b>
<b>Leads the sheep</b>	<b>Come in and go out of the gate (shepherd) to find pasture</b>
<b>Goes on ahead of the sheep</b>	<b>Know Him</b>
<b>Brings life to the sheep</b>	
<b>Lays down his life for his sheep</b>	
<b>Knows his sheep</b>	
<b>Brings other sheep in from outside the fold</b>	

**“I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.”**

**The good shepherd is the door of protection and the door of provision.**

**“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

**Jesus is the way, not because he elevates himself, but because he lays his life down.**

**A sheep’s value is not found in their abilities, their value is found in their shepherd.**

**The sheep follow him and listen to his voice. They come and go through him (the gate) to find provision and protection. They get to know him.**

**We are loved because we are his. That is where our value lies.**

**In the hands of our shepherd, the little that we do have to offer becomes infinitely more**

# SERMON RESOURCES

