

Saturday, 9/6 at 4:00 | Sunday, 9/7 at 9:00

Shepherding the Sheep



At Bethlehem Parma

Part 1 (8/23 & 24)

- Jesus – The ONLY Way!
- My World
- The Ultimate and Under
- Difficult But Good

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- Relationship Basics
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- Faith and Works Order
- How Can I Help You?

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Introduction

Dear friends: This is part 3 of 3. See the image above for what we have covered so far and what is coming up in this sermon.

Relationship Basics

Relationships In General: They involve respect and communication – *friend to friend, us to God!*

Relationship With God:

- We listen to God through His word: **2 Timothy 3:16** “All Scripture is inspired by God [*that is, God-breathed*]...”
- We speak to God through prayer: **1 Timothy 2:5** “...there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the man* Christ Jesus...” // Compare the words of that verse with this prayer diagram (next page):

Prayer – How Does It Work?

God – Our Father in Heaven

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

Sin Separates Us from God

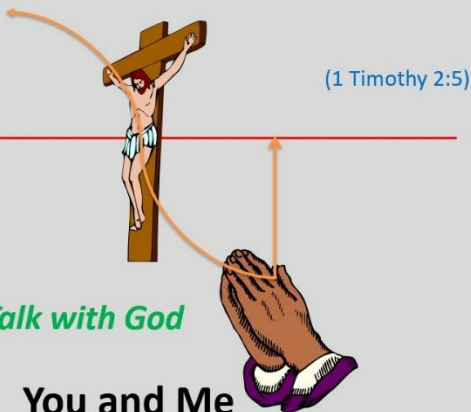
(Isaiah 59:2)

Jesus – Took Away Our Sins

(John 1:29)

The Holy Spirit – Helps Us Talk with God

(Romans 8:26)



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You and Me

Relationship Routine Suggestions:

- See the [Daily Devotion brochure](#) – *for encouragement and my method.*
- See the [Christian brochure](#) – *which includes references to **49 of the most important passages in the Bible!** Read one each day, then talk to God through prayer!*

Seeking FIRST God's Kingdom

- **Matthew 6:33** “...seek first [God's] kingdom and His righteousness...”
Let us **Stop** letting *the temporary things of this life*
♦hinder or ♦destroy our membership in God's kingdom!
- **Luke 9:23** ... [Jesus said to His disciples], “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself** and **take up his cross daily** and **follow Me.**”

Deny, take, and follow – *those are radical things!*
Jesus said that only a few will be saved:

- **Matthew 7:13-14** “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to

destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For **the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life**, and there are few who find it.”

By God's grace, **LET US BE AMONG THE FEW!**

The Order of Faith and Works

Ephesians 2:8-10

- Faith: “For by grace [God's undeserved favor] you have been saved through faith [trust in Jesus for eternal life]; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. // **Faith saves!** We have it because God gifted it to us, not because we deserved it or earned it!
- Works: For we are [God's] workmanship, [He] created [us] in Christ Jesus for [the purpose of] good works, which [He] prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” // **Wow!** God ♦knew us and ♦planned good works for us to do. **Then He saved us so that we would follow what He planned for our lives! Let's do it!**

God Is Calling Us To...

- Have a daily conversation with Him – **first** through listening (Bible), **then** through talking (prayer)!
- Keep Jesus first – by saying **NO** to our will and **YES** to His will, even when it is difficult and brings persecution.
- Continue as Jesus' repentant sheep – with ➡godly sorrow, ➡trust in Jesus for eternal life, and ➡lives that align with God's word!
- Respond to the teaching of the under-shepherd – by **hearing, understanding, believing, and applying** God's word!

- Seek and do what He has planned – *for each of our lives, confident that God's will is BEST!*

I Want YOUR BEST – now and forever! Please gladly respond to the contents of this brochure – *see below!*

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How Can I Help You?

You are invited to ♦send me a text or email, ♦hand me a note, or ♦mail this section.

☐ This is my prayer request:

☐ Pastor ☐ Prayer Multiplier ☐ Prayer List

☐ This is my question:

☐ This is my outreach idea:

☐ This is my improvement idea:

☐ This is how I am willing to serve:

☐ Help me find a church closer to home.

☐ Contact me to discuss my Bethlehem membership situation.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Let Us Pray: Dear Father, TYSM for sending Your Son to be the Good Shepherd and making us His sheep. Keep us mindful of who we are, draw us close to our Good Shepherd, keep us in Your word, and move us to honor You in everything!

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