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PART
35 *walk through the*
WORD

I WILL BE THEIR SHEPHERD



Our Mission

“Go and **MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations,
BAPTIZING them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and **TEACHING** them to observe all
I have commanded you.” – *Jesus Christ*



Message Notes

Walk Through The Word - Part 35
“I Will Be Their Shepherd” - Ezekiel 34:1-10

The prophet Ezekiel speaks to a people exiled in Babylon because their leaders had failed to shepherd them. Yet in their devastation, God promises to care for his sheep and provide the ultimate Shepherd who will lead them...

1) God _____ Israel's failed shepherds

(Ezekiel 34:1-10)

- The exile wasn't simply a story about Israel's disobedient people. It was also about failed kings, priests, prophets; selfish leaders who exploited and misled God's people.

2) God will do what Israel's shepherds failed to do

(Ezekiel 34:11-22)

- He will _____ the scattered — v.12
- He will _____ the lost — v.12-13
- He will _____ and give them rest — v.13-15
- He will _____ the injured and strengthen the weak — v.16
- He will _____ the vulnerable and bring justice — v.16-22

3) God promises one ultimate Shepherd: A _____ King

(Ezekiel 34:23-31)

- David had long been dead, so Ezekiel is pointing to the greater Davidic King (Messiah) who would _____ what Israel's earthly kings never could.

4) Jesus Christ: The Good Shepherd who _____ God's people today

- The promise of Ezekiel 34 finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus, the Good Shepherd who:
 - Has true _____ for the sheep – Mat. 9:36
 - Seeks and knows his sheep — Jn. 10:3-4, 14
 - Feeds and cares for his sheep — Jn. 10:9-10
 - Lays down his life for his sheep — Jn. 10:11, 15
 - Gathers his scattered sheep into one flock — Jn. 10:16
 - _____ his flock to faithful under-shepherds — Jn. 21:15-17; Act. 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4

Going Deeper

- 1) Most of us have seen political and religious leaders who have used their position to exploit, manipulate, or harm the people entrusted to their care. Why do failures like these feel so profoundly wrong—and how does Ezekiel 34 help us understand why God takes this kind of leadership failure so seriously?
- 2) Why do you think God places such a strong emphasis on the way leaders treat the weak, wounded, lost, and vulnerable? What does this reveal about God's heart for his people?
- 3) Ezekiel's message reminds us that the exile was not simply the result of ordinary people's sin, but also of failed leadership. What responsibilities come with spiritual leadership, and why does God hold leaders accountable?
- 4) In verses 11–22, God repeatedly says, “I myself...” What does this teach us about God's response when human shepherds fail? How might this encourage someone who has experienced disappointment or failure from a spiritual leader?
- 5) Which of God's promises in verses 11–16—seeking, gathering, feeding, giving rest, healing, or strengthening—do you find most meaningful? Why?
- 6) Looking at Jesus in Matthew 9 and John 10, what distinguishes Jesus from the failed shepherds of Ezekiel 34? What does it mean practically that Jesus knows, cares for, seeks, feeds, and lays down his life for his sheep?
- 7) What does it look like for you personally to live as a sheep who is known, cared for, and led by Jesus, the Good Shepherd?
- 8) What should we look for in those who shepherd God's people, and how can we as a congregation uphold and encourage this kind of faithful spiritual leadership?

Looking Ahead

News & Upcoming Events:

- **Age Unlimited:** Wed. September 9 at 11:00 am. Ian & Lois will share highlights from their recent cruise. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.
- **Young Adults:** Wed., September 9 at 6:30 pm for ages 18-35. Contact Pastor James for more information.
- **Kick-Off Sunday:** September 13th will be a special morning of welcoming new church members and looking at the exciting fall season ahead. After service we will head to the Outreach Centre to enjoy refreshments, a volunteer fair and signup for Small Groups.
- **Corn Crib:** Sept. 19-20 from 10 am to 5 pm at Nortera Factory on Tecumseh Road near Lacasse. All corn sale monies will be donated to the school nutrition program / men's ministry. See Brian in the lobby after service if you can volunteer some time at the booth.
- **Sunday Afternoon Live** - An afternoon of music with Alan Brown and Alex Moir, Sunday September 20th, 4pm at Ambassador Baptist Church. Admission: a non-perishable item for the church food bank.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, Sept. 26th at 8:30 am. Guest speaker is Pastor Chuck Wilson speaking on his mission in Cuba. Sign up online or at Welcome Desk.

Connecting With Others:

- **Small Groups:** For details, contact pastorjames@banwellchurch.org
- **Friendship Circle:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am
- **Age Unlimited (Age 55+):** Wednesday, September 9 at 11 am
- **Young Adults (Ages 18-35):** Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm
- **Kingdom Kids (Grades 1-5):** Returns Thursday September 10, 6:30-7:45 pm. For details contact heather@banwellchurch.org
- **Youth Group (Grades 6-12):** Returns Friday, September 11, 6:30 pm
- **Prayer Group:** Returns Friday September 11 at 10am in Library
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, September 26 at 8:30 am

For more information on news and events,
check out our website, or contact the office.