

MENDING FENCES

PROTECTING OUR FAITH & PURSUING THOSE WHO'VE STRAYED



The Shepherd & His Sheep

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_____ : people who are docile, compliant, or easily influenced— people likened to sheep.

Sheep are straying from the Shepherd because they no longer want to _____ His lead.

1. Jesus isn't every sheep's _____.

Psalm 23



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One of the catalysts for this series comes from this concern about how many people who “prayed a prayer” and yet don’t live according to that _____ to Christ who think they have a saving faith.

2. Jesus’ sheep know His _____ and follow His _____.

John 10:1-15



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Jesus Himself is the _____ to the sheepfold.

Jesus won't run away when times of _____.

Jesus and his sheep have a _____, intimate knowledge of one another.

Jesus _____ laying His life down for His sheep.

It's these two dynamics that we'll do well to understand and engage:

a. As my Shepherd, Jesus has a _____ authority over my all of my life.

b. As His sheep, my response is to follow His leadership in every _____ of my life, not attempting to limit Him to just the areas that I deem "OK" for Him to own and lead.



3. The Good Shepherd has called some to be
" _____ " to keep watch over His sheep.

Acts 20:28-31

If people have left the church to follow someone who is not leading according to Jesus' ways were they ever _____ His sheep at all?

What we want to include each week in this series— not only how we _____ sheep, but how we also intentionally _____ with love and compassion to those who have left the fold.

