Who Needs a Shepherd?

Ken Chapman · Acts 20:25–32

INTRODUCTION

- So much of Christianity involves humility, of recognizing that I cannot do it. I cannot do it alone.
- To his credit, he had the humility, and he said, How can I unless somebody helps me?
- God did two things. Number one, he put us together with others, and he put in place those who would be our shepherds.

1 A Shepherd Guides the Flock

Acts 20:28; Acts 20:25–27; 1 Peter 5

- Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his blood.
- Who needs a shepherd? I do. And you do.
- A shepherd is going to guide. That's in essence what a shepherd does. He guides that flock.
- Here's what I did among you, and now shepherds in my absence, Paul is saying, here's what you need to do. You need to guide them in the word of God.
- Peter would say in 1 Peter chapter 5 to his fellow elders, that they are to guide that flock, but as an example, guiding and leading that flock.

2 A Shepherd Feeds

- A shepherd feeds. Again, a primary role of a shepherd. Sheep are no good if they starve to death.
- It's now up to you, shepherds, to see that these sheep, this flock, is fed.
- One of the most common metaphors that's used of the Word of God, that is food. It's milk to the newborn babe, but it's also solid meat, solid food to the mature.
- Our shepherds have the responsibility to not only to guide, but to feed the flock.

3 A Shepherd Is to Protect That Flock

Acts 20:29–30

- A shepherd is to protect that flock.
- Protecting the flock, not physically, of course, but spiritually.
- Savage wolves, sometimes even from within the flock. There might be wolves in sheep's clothing that would arise.
- It is the shepherd's responsibility to take that shepherd's staff and to protect that flock. To protect it from that false doctrine and from that teaching by feeding it in the true holy word of God.
- Awesome responsibility to be a shepherd.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you believe in him, repent, confess your sins, and to be baptized for remission of those sins, and listen to the voice of your chief shepherd. Would you do that this morning?

MY NOTES