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A Shepherd's Rescue

Often throughout scripture, Jesus is referred to as our shepherd. One of the most famous passages of the Bible says,

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:1-4, NKJV)

However, in today's culture, the term "shepherd" can be hard to grasp.

I thought this way until one day a certain image brought home the message Jesus was trying to get across when he referred to us as sheep and He the shepherd.

One day, my parents and I decided to go ATV riding near our home. It was a trail I hadn't taken before, so I rode with my dad on the back of his ATV. It was a pleasant drive, and I was enjoying the beautiful day.

We'd been riding for at least an hour when we crested a hill and came into a small valley. My dad slowed, and I looked around him to find out why. I gasped and shrank back at what I saw.

Sheep were littered everywhere, in different stages of decay. The hollow eyes of a skull stared at me. Further up were scattered bones, whitewashed by the sun. Some were still partially covered in wool and muscle. I noticed movement ahead of me, and realized a sheep was lifting its head to look at me. Some were still alive!

My heart constricted for both the hope and despair the sheep had shown by lifting his head. He was barely alive. Crows pecked at him.

How I wanted to rescue him and take him out of this place! He didn't belong in this valley with other dead sheep. But there was nothing I could do.

As if sensing this, the sheep laid his head again, resigned.

"Dad," I said. "What's wrong with them?"

"It's a place for sick sheep," he answered. "The shepherds bring them here to die."

Once more, my heart tore. Why had their shepherd abandoned them? They were just left alone to die? It sounded so cruel.



For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) now under hospice care at home.

Peggy Hollback now out of the hospital, recuperating at her daughter's home in Cincinnati. More surgery/treatment is expected in the near future. Cards to 9621 McCaully Road; Cincinnati, OH 45241.

Dick Havens transported to Ross Heart Center (OSU) this week. Testing for now but possible heart surgery or catheterization this week.

Gary Glispie's mother has been in ICU at Belfonte Hospital for over a week.

Jan Ing scheduled for pacemaker surgery in July.

Sharon Gampp injured her shoulder in a fall this week and a surgery originally scheduled for July 11 has now been postponed.

Alan Graff scheduled for biopsy of mass on lung Tuesday (7/1) and followup on kidney surgery Thursday (7/3).

Henry Mason battling cancer. Cards to Alexandria House, 811 Findlay St, Portsmouth 45662.

Praise Report: Jo Ann Miller biopsy report shows clear.

Thank You

Al and Patsy Graff would like to thank everyone for your wonderful support over the recent few months. The cards, letters, visits, and online comments have been extremely encouraging.

Anna's Birthday Celebration

This afternoon at 3pm all are invited to celebrate **Anna Mei Cram's** 1st and 2nd birthday party here in the Annex. No gifts are necessary but in lieu of gifts, donations can be made to three organizations that have helped Anna Mei through her first two years of life: Little Flowers Orphanage, Smile Train and An Yang City Orphanage.



Coming Events

Looking Ahead

7/9-12 Midwestern Window Project
7/13-19 Sunshine at Fort Hill Camp

Area Events

Details for all of these events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

8/2 Midwestern Children's Home Golf Tournament
1 pm

8/9 Ladies' Inspiration Day at
Circleville church of Christ—"Spring Cleaning"

9/13 Ladies' Day at Elm Grove church of Christ—
The Virtuous Woman



Wedding Announcement

Brittany Gahm (Troy and Julie's daughter) and **Cory Mullins** were married in North Carolina on Thursday, June 19.

Wedding Reception

Tyler Jones and Katie Holliday were married yesterday in Katie's home town! We would like to invite the church family to celebrate their wedding at a reception on July 6 after evening services. There will be light refreshments and, of course, cake will be served. They have gift registries at Target, Kohl's and Amazon. Thanks, Heather.

Updated Directories

We have 50 copies of the latest update of the Fellowship Directory on the table in the foyer. Take what you need. We'll make more.

Vacation Bible School June 23-27



VBS Evaluation Meeting

Next week after morning services, Steve Miller would like to meet briefly with those who worked in VBS to get feedback on this year's VBS. This should be a short meeting. Please come and participate.

VBS Money and Receipts

If you have receipts and/or money to turn in from VBS please put your items in an envelope and deposit

VBS Report

It's Saturday afternoon. VBS is over except for a few more things to take down and put away. When all is said and done, what have we accomplished? That's a good question, one deserving a thoughtful answer. It

is so easy to lose sight of why we do VBS. We want to make things fun and exciting for the kids. We love

to hear them laugh and see them play and enjoy themselves in all the things that happen at VBS. I can't speak for others, but here's my answer regarding what we have accomplished. It is the planting of a seed in the heart/mind of a child. A seed never seems like much at the planting, but given time the seed will

become something much greater. A lot of good seed was planted in our VBS. This is the seed that they

can never shake, the seed that will eventually call them back to the Lord, if they should ever run away from him.

I thank all of you who helped with VBS this past week whether it was cookies, or decorating, or guiding, or playing or cleaning up or whatever. What you did this week really matters.

Two verses come to mind here: **Galatians 6:9**

Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for we shall reap in due season if we faint not.

The other verse is **1 Corinthians 15:** Therefore, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as you know your labor is not in vain. That is God's promise to those who sow the seed.



Continued story

As we headed out, I clung tighter to the cargo rack and prayed, God, now I know what you meant about "the shadow of the valley of death" you talked about in the Psalms. I just went through it.

Have you ever found yourself in a place just as hopeless? The Bible says we are like those sheep-lost, dying, and in need of rescue. In need of a Savior. The best thing about our Shepherd is that He does not abandon us in our darkest hour, our lowest low, or in the scariest moment of our life. No, instead He, "is with us" (Paraphrase, **Psalm 23:4** NIV) and in one version, "close beside us." (Paraphrase, **Psalm 23:4** NLT.) He does not leave us to die in the valley of the shadow of death. Instead, **He comes in with us.**

So wherever you are today, however deep or dark or scary, you don't have to be afraid. The Savior will come. **Isaiah 40:11** says:

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart." (NLT.)

The Good Shepherd longs to deliver you from the valley.

Invite Him in, and I can promise you this: you may have entered the valley broken and scarred, but you will leave it nestled in His embrace.

By Elizabeth Veldboom



THOSE WHO SERVE

Regular Service Times

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer

Song Director

Worship Leaders

Message

June 29

Don Coriell

Aaron McCray

Shawn Gragg

Jason Foster

Jon Coriell

July 6

Jon Coriell

Nick Davis

Jacob Miller

Josh Coriell

Jamie Riley

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening

Song Director

Scripture Reading

Lord's Supper

Assist

Prayer

Jacob Miller

Steve Williams

Dewey Cordle

Tim Coriell

Don Ramey

Shawn Gragg

Mike Gamp

Mark Villinger

Ira Coriell

Mike Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director

Prayer

Zach Coriell

Troy Gahm

Matthew Hoskins

Jim Cunningham

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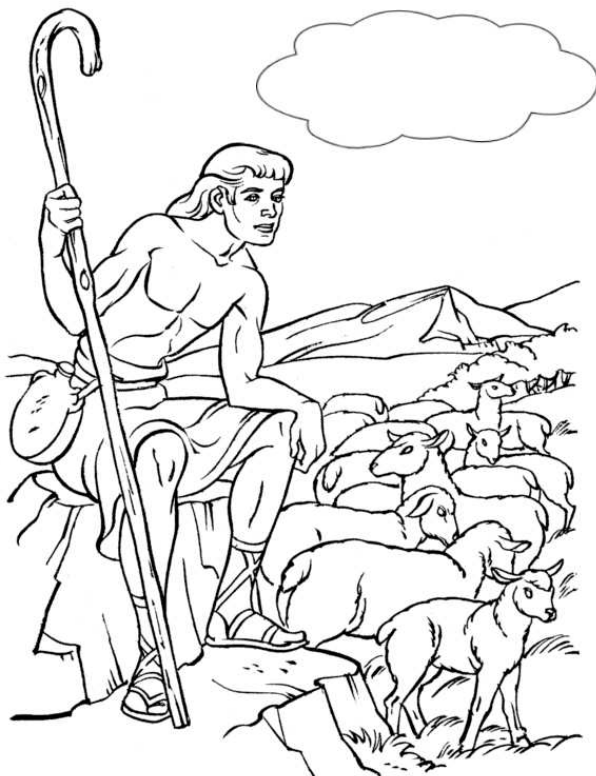
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Spot The Difference!

There are 9 differences between these two pictures. See if you can find all 9. Solution is posted on the bulletin board and page 5 of the online bulletin.



Original image courtesy of raisingourkids.com

Puzzle for June 29, 2014

Solution

1. Cloud shape and size
2. Knot on staff
3. Sideburns
4. Eyebrows
5. Sheep head
6. Belt color
7. Sandal straps
8. Dirt ledge
9. Bracelet

