

August 16 & 17, 2025 | His Sheep | John 10:11-15 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

JOHN 10:11-15

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd <u>lays down his life</u> for the sheep.

12 He who is **a hired hand** and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees,

and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13 He <u>flees</u> because he is **a hired hand** and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 **I am the good shepherd**. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and <u>I lay down my life</u> for the sheep.

THE WOLF

John 10:12 ...and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

- 1. When the sheep are SNATCHED and SCATTERED, it's because there's a wolf.
- 2. The wolf snatches and scatters sheep because... it's a WOLF.
- 3. It's easy to be IGNORANT of the wolf that's loose among us.

ASK YOURSELF:

Where do I see the impact of the enemy?

THE HIRED HAND

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John 10:13 He <u>flees</u> because he is **a hired hand** and cares nothing for the sheep.

- 1. When people aren't ENGAGING on BEHALF of the sheep, it's because they are hired hands.
- 2. Hired hands flee because they care more about THEMSELVES than the SHEEP.
- 3. It's easy to be DUPED by a hired hand.

ASK YOURSELF:

Where do I see "hired hands" at work?

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:11 **I am the good shepherd**. The good shepherd <u>lays down his life</u> for the sheep.

John 10:14 **I am the good shepherd**. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and <u>I lay down my life</u> for the sheep.

- 1. When the sheep are GROWING and GATHERING, it's because they're following Jesus.
- 2. Jesus laid down His life for HIS sheep.

1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

3. It's easy to RETURN to the Good Shepherd.

Jesus calls us to be His SHEEP.

ASK YOURSELF:

 How will I orient myself toward Jesus as my Good Shepherd this week?

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