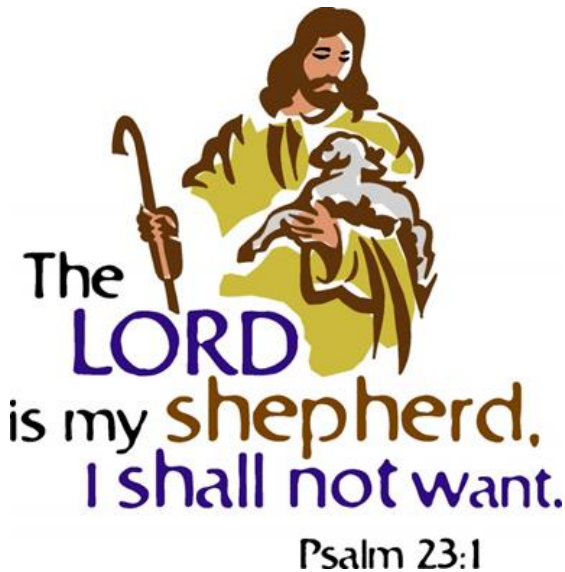




**23RD AUGUST 2020**



**TODAY:**

Series: The Great I Am

Study 5: I Am the Good

Shepherd –

John 10:11-21

Speaker: Pastor Tony

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**Sunday 30th August**

Series: The Great I Am

Study 6: I Am the Resurrection and the Life –

John 11:1-4 & 17-45

Speaker: Pastor Tony



*'I am the good shepherd;  
and I know My sheep,  
and am known by My own.'*

John 10:14

## A Word From Tony

### He KNOWS OUR NAMES

In John 10:14, Jesus repeats that He is "the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11). A main point of this analogy, which began in verse 10, is contrasting Jesus' spiritual leadership with that of others. Jesus is especially criticizing the hypocritical and self-serving religious leaders who have betrayed Israel in the past. At worst, they are like thieves and robbers who cause mayhem in order to profit from the sheep (John 10:10). In other cases, they are like employees (hirelings) who abandon their duties when faced with personal risk; they are only concerned for the sheep when it's convenient and comfortable (John 10:12–13).

Jesus also reiterates a point made in His first analogy related to shepherding (John 10:1–6). Ancient shepherds spent considerable time with their flocks, from the moment of a lamb's birth. As such, sheep were acutely tuned to the voice of their shepherd, and only theirs. Sheep would instinctively ignore or even flee from the voice of a stranger. Jesus' sheep know His voice and respond to it.

And, as a "good shepherd," He knows every detail about those for whom He cares. He is not an aloof leader or distant figure who is barely aware of His people. Instead, our Good Shepherd knows us by name and with an intimacy that parallels His knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of Him (John 10:15). No one, not even we ourselves, knows us better than our Lord does. And just think of what a marvellous thing that is. Jesus knows us far better than we know ourselves, including the worst parts of us and He still loves us.

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.*

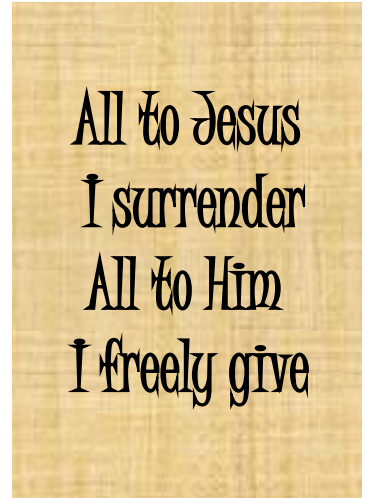
*I surrender all,  
I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Now I feel the sacred flame.  
Oh, the joy of full salvation!  
Glory, glory to His name!*



Lyrics are by Judson Van DeVenter who was an art teacher and supervisor of art in public schools. He was also an accomplished musician, singer, and composer. At the urging of friends (and prompting of the Lord) he became an evangelist and travelled throughout the United States, England, and Scotland, doing evangelistic work. He wrote over 60 hymns, 'I surrender All' being the most well known.

# The Good Shepherd

## Word search

F O L L O W E D S H U E N D P R L L W T M J A X  
T Z L A Y W F O V A J V A G H A P P I N E S S C  
G T S V W H Y N E H I G B I G L Y P B T J A Y Q  
K S H L N Q W R P I G D P N K Q F K P X Y L X X  
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D Y T L L A Y Y E O N Y A G J B D B D B Y J Y G  
I O O E X Q F D D O S O U L T Z R F U V W U C O

**Father**

**Cometh**

**Soul**

**Stranger**

**Voice**

**Led**

**Danger**

**Down**

**Lay**

**Happiness**

**Bible**

**Destroy**

**Steal**

**Heaven**

**Robbers**

**Saved**

**Trusted**

**Gentle**

**Followed**

**Whistled**

**Injuries**

**Coyote**

**Bear**

**Lion**

**Jesus**

**Sheepfold**

**Pasture**

**Thieves**

**Sheep**

**Shepherd**

## *A Shepherd's Tale*

*There's an old preacher's story about a priest who was traveling with members of his parish in the Holy Land. Like some priests (certainly none around here), this priest liked to talk. While going through Israel, this priest liked to tell his parish about what they had seen, what they were seeing and about what they were about to see.*

*The priest had particular information about sheep and shepherds. He told the people on the tour bus to be on the lookout of sheep and shepherds. "Notice how the shepherd always leads the sheep," he said. "The shepherd knows the way and the sheep follow."*

*But as the tour bus rounded a curve, there just beside the road was a flock of sheep and a man who was walking behind them. He looked determined and seemed almost to be driving the sheep. The priest was outraged. Here he had been carefully explaining to his people what they should see, and here was something that just didn't fit.*

*He asked the bus driver to stop the bus, they all got out and he ran up to the man and said to him, "Sir, I've just been telling my friends here that the shepherd always leads the sheep, and then we look out and we see you walking behind them. What's going on?" The man looked at the priest and said, "No, you're absolutely right. The shepherd does always walk in front and leads the sheep. But I'm the butcher."*



## **Bible Study, Old Testament Characters – Hannah Praying in Times of Anguish – 1 Samuel 1:1-28**

Suffering and pain often affects people's relationship with God in one of two ways. Sometimes we can grow bitter or angry toward Him for seemingly abandoning us and are tempted to "curse God and die" (Job 2:9). At other times, our afflictions can drive us to a new dependence and humility before God that deepens our walk with Him (1 Corinthians 12:7-10).

For many years Hannah suffered the lonely pain of being unable to give birth in a culture where a woman's value was often measured by the ability to bear children. From her we are able to learn something about prayer in the midst of pain.

Adding to the above, Keeley Chorn writes: 'In 1 Samuel 1&2 we are introduced to Hannah and a significant prayer, but more importantly it's about being a part of God's greater plan of salvation. It's about a movement from barrenness to life, from death to resurrection, as part of God's great story of what He's doing in time to save a people to call His own. **So we'll learn from this account how to pray in a way like Hannah did, that God will use us and our life for His greater purposes.**'

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-28. How do verses 1-2 set the stage for the tensions and conflicts described in the chapter?

It is probable that Elkanah took a second wife because of Hannah's infertility. How do you think it made Hannah feel to live in the same home with the other wife and her children?

How did Peninnah add further pain and grief to Hannah each year when they went to Shiloh (vv. 3-7)?

Have you ever felt you were trapped in a seemingly hopeless situation? Explain. What does Hannah's prayer in verse 11 reveal about her desperation? Look also at Hannah's continued prayers in verses 12-13, what can we learn about prayer here?

Why do you think God allows Hannah, and sometimes us, to reach such a point of despair?

How and why does Eli serve as a channel of God's comfort and blessing to Hannah (vv. 15-18)?

How does Hannah later fulfil her vow to the Lord (vv. 22-28)? Why would that have been difficult for her? (See Hannah's prayer of praise in 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Reflecting on prayer, what can we also learn from the following New Testament passages with regard to prayer: Luke 18:1-8, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18?

Read 1 Samuel 2:18-21. What do we learn about God's blessing because of Hannah's faithfulness? How can we learn from this?

Most questions taken from 'A Life Guide Bible Study Book' by Peter Scazzero

To continue worshipping the Lord with tithes and offerings you can:

Do a bank transfer into the Church bank account. Details are:  
ANZ -Ferntree Gully Baptist Church  
BSB: 013287  
Account: 296710027

Cheques written to Ferntree Gully Baptist Church may be sent to:

Andrew Ullrich 15 Chedworth Crt Kilsyth Sth 3137



## End of Financial Year

Hopefully by now you have received the Annual Reports. Time will be given for any one from the Church family to ask questions with regard to expenditure during the 2019/20 financial year and respond to the proposed budget. The budget is being prepared trying to take into account, especially for the next 6 months, reduction in use of the Church property and ministry opportunities.

If you have any questions with regard to finance please don't hesitate to contact Andrew Ullrich, or myself. Tony

## Zoom Home Groups

There is still time to be involved in one of the two new Zoom home groups. One of these has commenced on a Wednesday evening, the other planned for the day-time, is still being organised. One of the things required is, people need access through the internet. We can help you with downloading a Zoom app.

Both the groups will be using the Bible Study material which is currently being made available in the weekly news sheet. Please contact Pastor Tony if you would like to be involved.



## Pastoral Availability:

Tony will be working from his home office but can be contacted on 0406686715.

**Please note:** Under current restrictions Tony can only meet personally with people under special circumstances. If you have a need to meet, please contact him.





*When You shepherd me  
I have everything that I need  
When You make me rest  
Beside a peaceful stream*

*My soul is restored  
My strength is renewed  
When You shepherd me*

*When You shepherd me  
Your rod and staff comfort me  
When You guide my steps  
I can trust Your lead*

*Even when I walk  
Through the valley shadowed with death  
I will not fear for You are with me*

*I am overwhelmed by love, Overtaken by Your mercy  
Lord Your goodness without end, Will be the house in which I dwell*

*When You shepherd me, You prepare a bountiful feast  
Even when my enemies, They're closing in on me*

*You anoint me with oil, My cup overflows  
When You shepherd me, Ooh, when You shepherd me*

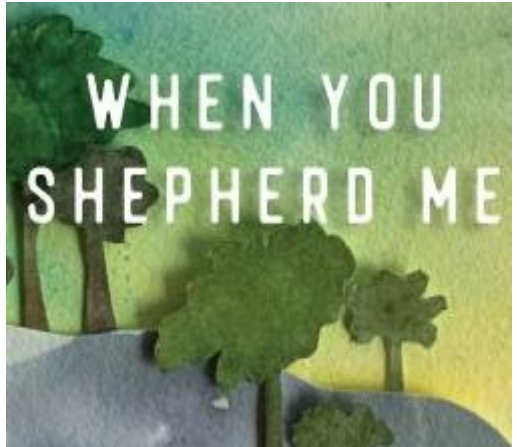
*And I am overwhelmed by love, Overtaken by Your mercy  
Lord Your goodness without end, Will be the house in which I dwell*

*I am overwhelmed by love, Overtaken by Your mercy  
Lord Your goodness without end, Will be the house in which I dwell*

*When You shepherd me*

*Lord, You shepherd me*

Brian Doerksen



# UYGHURS (pronounced Weeger) of Northwest China



Approximately 15 million Uyghurs, a majority Muslim people live in oases around the vast Taklimakan desert in Xinjiang province of Northwest China. Over the last four years they have come under intense surveillance. It is believed one to three million have been sent to re-education camps under the guise of eliminating Islamic

extremism. Some detainees have claimed they were tortured. Outside the camps, conditions are not much better. Families are being torn apart and some businesses have closed because owners have “disappeared.”

Although the world has been slow to react to the suffering, God has been at work. There was once a strong Christian community and Uyghur followers of Jesus probably number in the thousands although there are scattered.

Please pray:

That every Uyghur will have opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.

That the detainees would be released and find healing.

That Bible translation will be completed efficiently and accurately.

That Uyghur believers would be encouraged and strengthened

For the Uyghur diaspora who do not know what is happening to family members.

Source: Pioneers Australia





Please keep Margaret Penford and her extended family in prayer following the death of her sister Lauraine, especially during this time of not being able to meet together.

Pray also for Margaret's daughter Karen awaiting results of a lung biopsy.

Pray for Mandy Grapentin as she settles into her new room at

Tabulum and praise the Lord that Cindy Hughes is one of her nurses and is organising for her to watch the FTG services on DVD.

Continue upholding the work of Mukti, especially praying for safety from the COVID-19 virus at the main Mukti centre in Kedgaon and the various smaller regional support homes, as the number of COVID infection cases rises in India.

Pray for scientists world-wide who are working hard to develop a vaccine for COVID-19. Prayer also for Governments, including Australia, as they start to consider distribution of a potential vaccine, being aware of people and countries in great need who are without resources to produce vaccines.

### **Please pray:**

For wisdom for the cross-cultural workers on the ground discerning how to safely remain engaged with their neighbours during Covid-19

For God to continue to be at work during this time, opening opportunities for our teams to build relationships, practically respond and share His Good News

That this season will prompt local people to seek meaning and peace, and that they will find this in Jesus

For the continued protection of our cross-cultural workers from the virus and any other health issues

That those in Australia who are delayed from returning to their ministry location or delayed in beginning their service, will know God's peace during their period of uncertainty

For God's Spirit to be stirring in the heart of Australian believers to consider their active partnership with God's mission



**Pray for the MISSIONS & WORKERS**

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Andrea Rothweiler (Wycliffe PNG)

Ange Bakhtiari FTG Nth Primary  
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Little Pied Cormorant

