

## “TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, April 22, 2018)

### Share:

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
He lays down his life for his sheep.  
He knows us, and we belong to him.  
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.  
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### Read these words from a hymn today: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name,  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream;  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His way,  
And leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay,  
One word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away;  
His hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread,  
My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
Oh, may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise;  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

### Read this scripture from worship: John 10:11-18 (The Message)

<sup>11-13</sup> “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He’s only in it for the money. The sheep don’t matter to him.

<sup>14-18</sup> “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. In the same way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself if necessary. You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They’ll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd. This is why the Father loves me: because I freely lay down my life. And so I am free to take it up again. No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down; I also have the right to take it up again. I received this authority personally from my Father.”

Talk together, responding to these questions:

What are the characteristics of “the Good Shepherd?”

How comfortable do you feel about God’s provision for your life?

Who has helped to lead you in right paths or walked with you in dark valleys? Given you comfort and calmed your fears? Shown you hospitality and grace?

What is God calling you to do as you do these things for others?

Pray together:

Good shepherd, walk beside us through the joy and the trouble of this day, and lead us in right paths for your name’s sake. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."