

Chaplain's Bulletin July 21, 2024



Dear Folks,

We see in the Biblical theme: the Shepherd.

Isaiah 40:11; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ezekiel 34; Psalm 23; Psalm 100:3; Psalm 95:7; John 10, and don't forget Revelation 7:15-17.

Shepherds lead the sheep, care for the sick, protect them from predators, retrieve those who wander off, see that they have food, water, and a hospitable place to rest.

We remember Moses was watching sheep when he saw the burning bush. David was a shepherd before he became a soldier for Saul. Shepherds were given a special invite to visit the Baby Jesus when He was born.

In the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes in John 6, the author makes a special point to say when Jesus had them recline, there was plenty of grass in the area. I wondered: why was that so important? Then I realized "Who makes us lie in green pastures?" The good shepherd (Psalm 23). This is a foreshadowing of the Good Shepherd discourse in John 10.

These are all images for reflection as we consider Jesus concern for sheep without a shepherd.

Blessings,
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