<u>Pre-Sermon Devotional</u> <u>The Lord is My Shepherd...</u> <u>And That's Enough!</u>

This week's devotion is going to focus on how much God cares for us!

Monday

Pray:

Read: Psalm 23

Think about the following:

1) Why is this verse read at funerals?

2) What characteristic of God does this passage show?

3) What promises does this Psalm make?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are our shepherd. Thank you for caring for us and loving us. Help us to abide in you. In Jesus name, amen.

Tuesday

Pray:

Read: John 10:1-6

Think about the following:

1) Who is the "thief" Jesus talked about in this passage?

2) Who are the sheep?

3) Whose "voice" do we follow?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to be our good shepherd. Help us to follow his voice every day. Give us the discernment to hear Satan's voice and flee from it. In Jesus name, amen.

Wednesday

Pray:

Read: John 10:7-18

Think about the following:

- 1) As our shepherd, what does Jesus do for us?
- 2) How did he lay down his life for us?
- 3) What does this mean for us? (in other words...So what?)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to protect us and watch over us. Thank you especially for sending him to die

on the cross to pay for our sins and rise again so that we may have eternal life. In Jesus name, amen.

Thursday

Pray:

Read: John 10:22-30

Think about the following:

- 1) Why didn't the Jews believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
- 2) Who gives us eternal life?
- 3) What promise does Jesus make in verse 28?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the privilege of being one of your sheep. Thank you also that we have eternal life! Help us to lead others to you so that they too may hear your voice and receive the same gift. In Jesus name, amen.

Friday

Pray:

Read: John 10:31-42

Think about the following:

- 1) Why did the Jews accuse Jesus of blasphemy?
- 2) How did Jesus respond to them?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to do your work. Thank you for coming down in human form and bridging the gap between you and us. In Jesus name, amen.

Saturday

Pray:

Read: Psalm 23 (again)

Think about the following:

- 1) Spend the day focusing on verses 2, 4 & 5.
- 2) What needs does God fulfill in these verses.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are the faithful shepherd. When all else fails, you will never fail. Help us to trust in this promise daily. In Jesus name, amen