

THE GOOD SHEPHERDS

1 Peter 5:1-4

“True greatness, true leadership is achieved not by reducing people to one’s service but in giving oneself in selfless service to them.”

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An appeal from a fellow elder (1 Peter 5:1)

(Mark 4:29; Matthew 14:28-29; John 21:7; Acts 2:14; Acts 8:14-15; Acts 10:22-23; Galatians 2:11)

What are qualities we see in Peter? Is he elder material?

What does shepherding look like? (1 Peter 5:2)

(Genesis 48:15-16; John 10:11-18; Psalm 23)

Jacob shows us that even though we **fail miserably**,
the Lord our Shepherd **is faithful**. (Gen 48:15-16)

Pictures from the Good Shepherd (John 10)

Pictures from the Lord our Shepherd (Psalm 23)

How a shepherd serves (1 Peter 5:2-3)

(1 Timothy 3:1; Acts 6:1; 15:1-2; Mark 10:43-43)

They don’t serve from **obligation**; they serve
out of a **willing heart**.

They don’t seek **personal gain**; they’re eager
to **serve for the joy of serving**.

They don’t serve from a **perspective of authority**;
they serve from a **perspective of influence**.

When the shepherd received his wages (1 Peter 5:4)

As in suffering, shepherding can be a lesson in **hard and demanding
work**.

The shepherd’s example is an **exemplary lesson for life**.