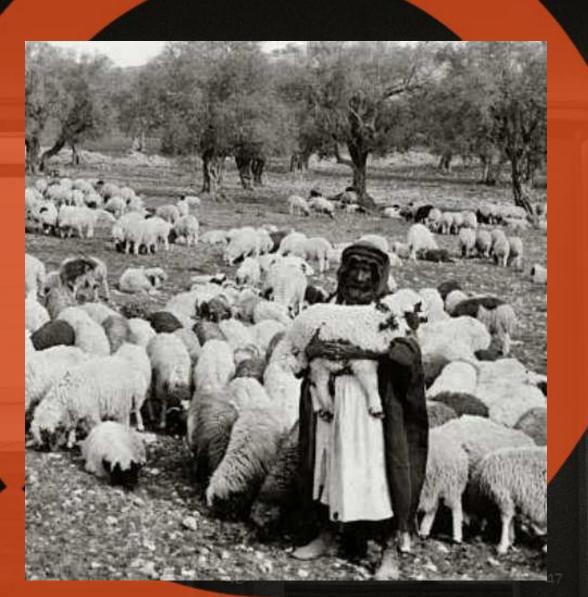
## Ephesians 4:11-13

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

#### Mark 2:21-22

21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, and a worse tear will result. 22 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

# The Pastoral Heart



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### 1 Thessalonians 2:8

So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well

# **1 Timothy 5:1**

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers

#### **Pastoral Flow**

GREEK: poimén – a shepherd ("pastor" in Latin);

(figuratively) Someone who the Lord raises up to care for the total well-being of His flock (the people of the Lord).

## **Ezekiel 34:2-5**

Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

#### **Ezekiel 34:2-4**

4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

# Good Shepherd

- Lays down their lives
- Walks in front of them
- Knows the condition of their flock
- Protects them from harm
- Strengthens the weak
- Tends to and heals the sick
- Brings back those who have strayed
- Seeks those who are lost

# Good Shepherd

- Love them
- Accept them
- Pray for them
- Encourage them
- Spend time with them
- Back and Support them
- Challenge them with truth
- Rebuke them and discipline them
- Release them into more

## **RESPONSE**

Contend for healthy relationships

- Family
- Small group
- Offense will come-be quick to forgive
- Be intentional
- How can we create a culture where everyone is honored and feel valued?