

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

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Day 15 – Jesus the Sheperd of the Flock

"If you do not know, O fairest (most beautiful) among women, follow in the footsteps of the flock, and feed your little goats beside the shepherds' tents." (Song 1:8)

Jesus' answer for where He feeds His flock shows us the importance of being a part of the Body.

1. "Footsteps of the flock" = Commitment to Body life: refuse unsanctified isolation

When He tells her to follow in the footsteps of the flock, He is telling her to get involved in the fellowship of the Body. The Lord says follow in the place the Body walks. He's telling her to get back into fellowship and to not overreact to the angry brothers who mistreat her. The isolation that happens from the Body is motivated by rejection, bitterness and shame. The enemy wants us in isolation to destroy us.

2. "Feed your little goats" = Commitment to servant ministry: refuse unsanctified idleness

We are to feed the little flock that God sets before us. Jesus will give us more of Himself as we take on the responsibility to feed the young ones that God sends us.

3. "Beside the shepherds' tents" = Commitment to spiritual authority: refuse unsanctified independence

He tells her to feed the little flock beside the tents of the true shepherds. Jesus wants us to have an open spirit to the shepherds (leaders) that He places us under.

Jesus' answer touches on three temptations to the Body of Christ. First, is the temptation of isolation and bitterness when we feel rejected or mistreated and when we feel shame relating to our sin. We are to stay in fellowship as God's way to heal us. Second, is the temptation for selfishness and fear. Jesus desires for us to take care of the little ones (young in the faith). We find Jesus best in context of serving others. Third, is the temptation to resist spiritual authority.

Tomorrow we will look at how Jesus affirms her and encourages her after telling her how to find Him.