



LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

MARK 6:30-34

Jesus has an additional motive for desiring this retreat;

MATTHEW 14:13

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [of the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

ROMANS 12:15

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Motif: God's provision of rest/food in the desert;

PSALM 95:7-11 (See also Hebrews 3:7-4:13)

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah... ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work... "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." ¹¹ *Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."*

ISAIAH 63:14

¹⁴ Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

JEREMIAH 31:2

² Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword *found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest...*

Jesus is our rest;

HEBREWS 10:1

¹ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near...¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

MATTHEW 11:28

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

The disciples are said to go without meals for the second time;

MARK 3:20-21

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that *they could not even eat.* ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Motif: Jesus as the greater Moses;

NUMBERS 27:15-17

¹⁵ Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, ¹⁶ "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation ¹⁷ who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, *that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep that have no shepherd.*"

Motif: *God as the Shepherd of Israel;*

PSALM 23:1

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want...

ISAIAH 40:11

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

PSALM 95:7

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand...

The Man of supreme compassion;

MATTHEW 20:34

³⁴ And Jesus in *pity* touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

LUKE 7:13

¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had *compassion* on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

MATTHEW 18:27

²⁷ And out of *pity* for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

LUKE 10:33

³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had *compassion*.

LUKE 15:20

²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt *compassion*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

"*Compassion: your hurt in my heart.*" —Robbie Gallaty, *Growing Up*

A picture of God's compassion:

JEREMIAH 31:20

²⁰ Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he my darling child? For as often as I speak against him, I do remember him still. Therefore my *heart yearns* for him; I will surely have mercy on him, declares the LORD.

Heart;

2 SAMUEL 20:10

¹⁰ But Amasa did not observe the sword that was in Joab's hand. So Joab struck him with it in the stomach and spilled his *entrails* to the ground without striking a second blow...

GENESIS 15:4

⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; *your very own* son shall be your heir."

Yearns;

PSALM 43:5

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in *turmoil* within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

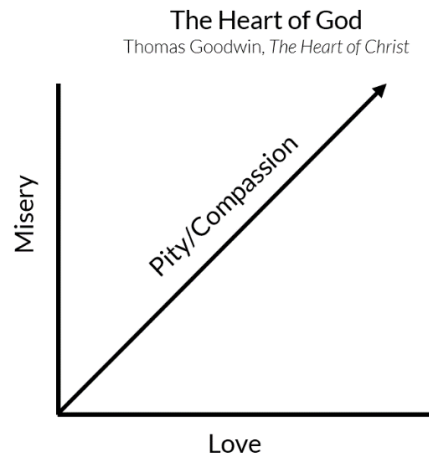
PSALM 46:3

³ ...though its waters *roar* and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling...

1 KINGS 1:41

⁴¹ ... And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "What does this *uproar* in the city mean?"

What most strongly evokes God's compassion for His people?;



The counterintuitive nature of God's affections for His people;

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12

¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, *that we might understand the things freely given us by God.*

EPHESIANS 1:18-19

¹⁸ ...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, *that you may know* what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might...

Jesus reacts to their need;

Our greatest need is to have our thoughts continually and increasingly shaped by the comprehension of God, to receive instruction in the Words of Life, to receive the enlightenment that leads to faith...to be reconciled to God through the atoning work of Christ, which necessarily begins with instruction in His Word;

ROMANS 10:17

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

¹¹ And he gave...the *shepherds* and *teachers*, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...