



Who will shepherd my family?

Ezekiel 34:11-16 & John 10:5, 14

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Who will shepherd your family?

God ?

You ?

Your parents ?

Your spouse?

Let us take a look at a family -
Abraham's marriage and
his parenting dilemma in
Genesis 21:8-20.

Genesis 21:8-9 (ESV)

8 And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. **9** But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, **laughing [in mockery.]**

Genesis 21:10-11 (ESV)

10 So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.” **11** And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son.

Genesis 21:12-13 (ESV)

12 But God said to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. **Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you,** for through **Isaac shall your offspring be named.**

13 And **I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring.”**

Genesis 21:14a (ESV)

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away.

Genesis 21:14b -16 (ESV)

14b And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. **16** Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “**Let me not look on the death of the child.**” And as she sat opposite him, **she lifted up her voice and wept.**

Genesis 21:17-18 (ESV)

17 And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. **18** Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for **I will make him into a great nation.**”

Genesis 21:19a (ESV)

19a Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water.

God heard the child's voice:

17 b "What troubles you, Hagar? **Fear not,**
for **God has heard the voice of the boy**
where he is.

Genesis 21:20 (ESV)

20 And **God was with the boy**, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and **became an expert with the bow**.

Who is the shepherd In Abraham's family?

God ?

Abraham ?

Who will shepherd your family?

God ?

You ?

Your parents ?

Your spouse?



How do I shepherd **my** family?

**In Ezekiel 34:11-16 &
John 10:5, 14**

God compares himself to a shepherd to show us
what a shepherd should look like.

Ezekiel 34:11-13 (ESV)

11 “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, **I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.**

12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock **when he is among his sheep that have been scattered**, so will I seek out my sheep, and **I will rescue them from all places** where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

13 And **I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.** And **I will feed them on the mountains of Israel**, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Ezekiel 34:14-16 (ESV)

14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There **they shall lie down in good grazing land**, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and **I myself will make them lie down**, declares the Lord God.

16 I will seek the lost, and I will **bring back the strayed**, and I will **bind up the injured**, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will **feed them in justice**.

How to shepherd my family?

Ezekiel 34:11-16 & John 10:5, 14

- 1. Seek after family members in wandering or dangerous situations and guide them back (v.11-13)**
- 2. Create safe boundaries and restful environment for them to grow (v.14-15)**
- 3. Know their innermost needs to connect with them (v.16 & John 10:5, 14)**

1. Seek after family members in wandering or dangerous situations and guide them back (v.11-13)

As a shepherd


- search for and seek them out (v.11)
- seeks out his flock when they have been scattered, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. (v.12)

1. Seek after family members in wandering or dangerous situation and guide them back (v.11-13)

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.

And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

2. Create safe boundaries and restful environment for them to grow (v.14-15)



V. 14 KJV

I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon **the high mountains of Israel** shall their **fold** be: there shall they lie in **a good fold**, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon **the mountains of Israel**.

2. Create safe boundaries and restful environment for them to grow (v.14-15)

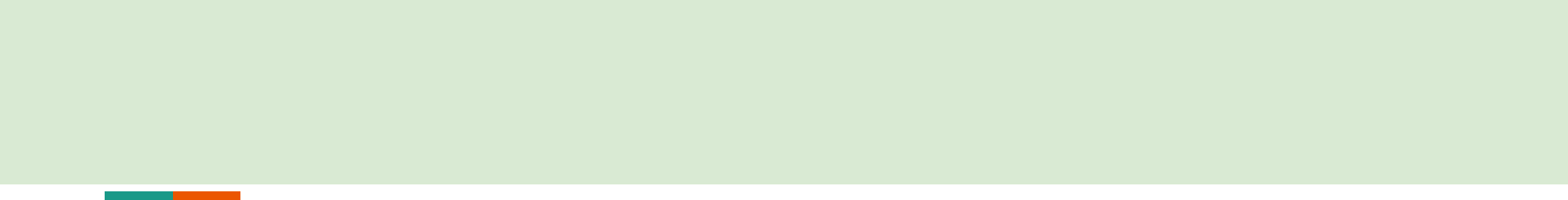
We shall provide quality

14a feed them with good pasture.

But also proactively create a safe and restful place to live

14b they shall lie down in good grazing land and on rich pasture

15 be the shepherd of my sheep, make them lie down

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- Sometimes, our goals are to have a better future for our family
 - creates more stress
 - Increases fights
 - Learn to differentiate “Needs” from “Wants”

3. Know their innermost needs to connect with them (v.16 & John 10:5, 14)

V. 16 Provide guidance and correction

- seek the lost, bring back the strayed

Protect physical needs and build inner strengths


- bind up the injured
- strengthen the weak

Treat fairly and defend against bullies

- destroy the fat and the strong (bullier)
- feed them in justice

Jesus Knows our innermost needs to connect with us

(John 10:5, 14)



10:5 A stranger they will not follow, but **they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."**

10:14 I am the good shepherd. **I know my own and my own know me.**

- As parents, we are human and we make mistakes
 - **Sarah** - can't wait for God's promise by sacrificing herself so she gives her maid to her husband
 - **Hagar** - can't accept her role and disrespects her mistress, also not teaching her son to be humble
 - **Abraham** - lack of spiritual discernment

God allows us to **Learn to trust God's Providence and grow from our mistakes.** God assists us when we need Him the most!



Who will shepherd **your** family?



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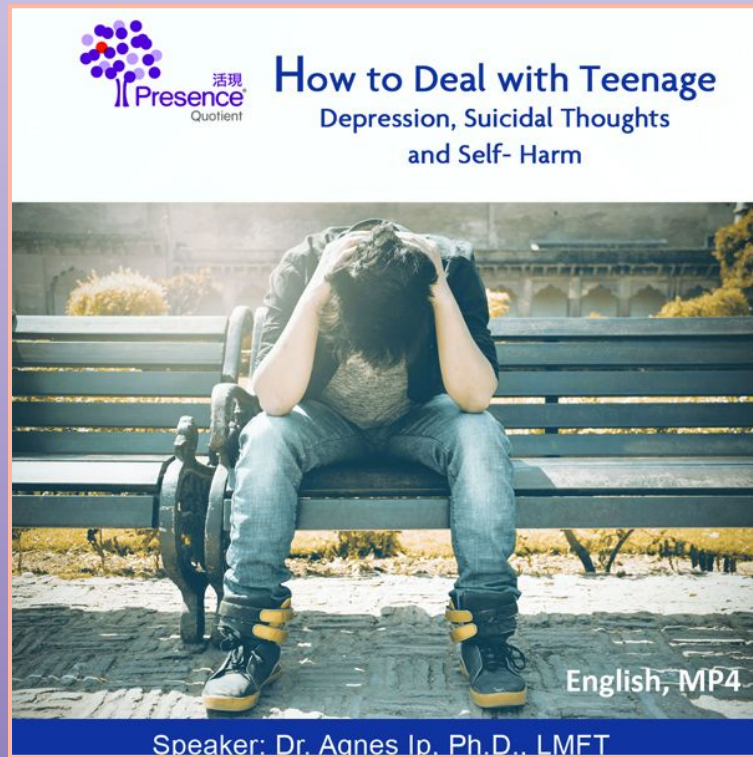
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