



The Jesus Style

a study of Jesus
and leadership



OT Background: calling texts in the OT

- Noah (Genesis 6:1-7:5)
- Abraham (Genesis 12:1-4)
- Deborah (Judges 4-5)
- Samson's mother (Judges 13:1-25)
- Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)
- David (1 Samuel 16)
- Huldah (2 Ch 34:19-33; 2 Ki 22-23)
- Jonah (Jonah)



Old Testament Backgrounds

lessons from the calling texts in the OT

- The situational nature of these calls
- The personal nature of these calls
- The partnership envisioned in these calls
- Expecting the unexpected
- Arguing with God



OT Background: metaphors and roles

- Shepherd
- Prophet
- Priest



OT Background: metaphors and roles

Shepherd

- Work of a shepherd
- Shepherding as a leadership training lab
- Shepherding as teaching tool to learn about God



OT Background: metaphors and roles

Shepherd passages

- Psalm 23
- Isaiah 40
- Jeremiah 23
- Ezekiel 34



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not
want.

Psalm 23:1



He makes me lie down in green
pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:2-3



He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:4



Even though I walk through the
darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

Psalm 23:5



The word of the Lord came to me:
Mortal, prophesy against the
shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say
to them—to the shepherds: Thus says
the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of
Israel who have been feeding
yourselves! Should not shepherds feed
the sheep?

Ezekiel 34:1-2



You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them.

Ezekiel 34:3-4



So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

Ezekiel 34:5-6



Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:

Ezekiel 34:7-9



Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

Ezekiel 34:10



For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

Ezekiel 34:11-12



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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 34:13-14



I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Ezekiel 34:15-16



I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ezekiel 34:23-24



They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture and I am your God, says the Lord God.

Ezekiel 34:30-31



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