

Saving Grace Daily Devotion

Monday, November 16

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Ezekiel 34:23-24

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

God is speaking through the prophet Ezekiel about a day when he would have a closer relationship with his people. Of course, these things are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus is God's servant David who is the prince among us. God now shepherds us and guides us through Jesus Christ. Things were very different during the time that Ezekiel was writing this passage. God was calling out the "shepherds" of his people the priests, the scribes, the pharisees. They took good care of themselves, but they were not taking care of the sheep, God's people. "You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep," (Ezekiel 34:3). With shepherds like that, who needs enemies? And yet, the sheep had those too, "because there was no shepherd, they became food for all the wild beasts," (Ezekiel 34:5). God steps in to right the wrongs of the leaders who were taking advantage of the people of God. God has sent his son Jesus Christ to lead and guide us. Us pastors now work to allow God to shepherd his sheep through our ministry.

Take **2 minutes** to think about these verses in Ezekiel. If it helps fill the time answer these questions:

When have you felt God's leading?

Have you ever felt lost or empty?

Have you noticed God's shepherding in action during a worship service?