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Chapter 9:

Seek His Face

“Good morning, girls” I call as I head out the back door in the morning. Stepping off the back porch, I glance over at the sheep shelter. I can see almost every head turned in my direction with anticipation of what the day will bring.

I prepare their feed in another barn, take it to the pasture, and then head to the sheep shelter. Every eye is on me. Often several will call to me. They are ready to go wherever their shepherd leads. I love the visual. They are seeking my face for direction.

When I arrive at their shelter, I open the gate for them to exit. They each come out of the gate, but the next scenario shows me that there is a distinct difference between sheep and donkeys.

When I open Miss May’s gate, she typically does not move...not immediately. She has the mentality of a donkey, not a sheep. A donkey appears stubborn, yes, but actually, she is very intelligent. When a donkey is asked to do something, she must think through the entire process before she moves. So, Miss May watches me open the gate, and then stands still. She is simply observing the situation. Once satisfied with her own conclusion of what is being asked of her, she will exit the gate. There is no lead rope on her. She moves in her own time and in her own way.

The sheep, however, have a different mentality. I, their shepherd, open the gate and the sheep exit immediately. However, they don’t go anywhere. They simply mingle around the me and wait for my next move. They wait for me to lead the way, and then they follow.

I wonder if this is what the Psalmist David was thinking when he wrote Psalm 27. He was a shepherd and understood the ways of

his sheep. Perhaps as he wrote this Psalm, he was thinking of his sheep exiting the gate that morning. His sheep mingled around him, searching his face as they waited for his next move. Each sheep had their eye on their shepherd.

David wrote,

“Your face, Lord, I will seek...”

Psalm 27:8

As his flock surrounded him, they waited for their shepherd’s decision as to which path to take that day.

And David wrote,

“Teach me Your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path...”

Psalm 27:11

Yes, I’m thinking that David’s flock showed him what it looked like to wait for their shepherd.

And David wrote,

*“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen
thine heart:
wait, I say, on the Lord.”*

Ps. 27:14 (KJV)

What a visual I have each morning as I watch this scenario again and again!

My sheep are not disappointed when they seek my face for direction. As they exit their gate and mingle around me, I reward them by leading them to the desired location where they are provided all they need to be healthy and strong.

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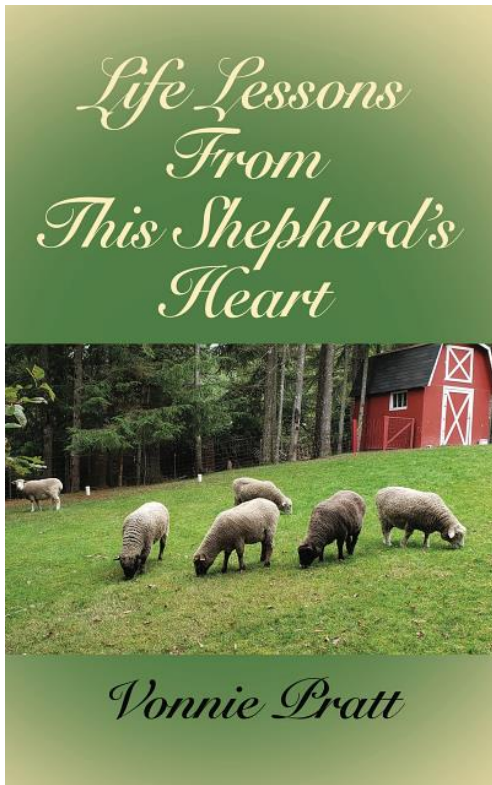
When I am seeking my Great Shepherd's face for direction, for clarity, for wisdom, I am not disappointed. He provides all that I need to be strong in Him.

"For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds..."

Luke 11:10

I want to be like our sheep. I want to seek my Shepherd's face and wait for His leading in every situation that comes my way today.





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