



# Sheepish





# *Bad Shepherd*



# *Job Summary*

**The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?’**

**Ezekiel 34:1-2**



WOE!



# *The Charges*

**You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.**

**Ezekiel 34:3-4**



***Charge 1:*** You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock.

**1. Eating Curds      2. Wearing Wool**

**3. Slaughter the choice animals**

**They are slowly consuming the flock for  
their own benefit**



***Charge 2:*** You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured

- 1. These folks have no time for the sheep**
- 2. You've got sheep that are malnourished**
- 3. You've got sheep that are sick and nobody to take care of them**
- 4. You've got sheep that are injured, and nobody will even give them a band-aide**





***Charge 3:* You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost**

**1. Forget about looking for new sheep, God wants to know what happened to the ones you had**

**2. As they wandered away how did you treat them?**

**Lecture them about being a stupid sheep**

**Pursue them like they were valued individual**

**How long did it take you to notice they were gone?**



*Charge 4:* You have ruled them harshly and brutally

**Abusive**



# *The Results*

**So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.**

**Ezekiel 34:5-6**



*The Results:* **Bad shepherd means no shepherd**

**They are scatter**

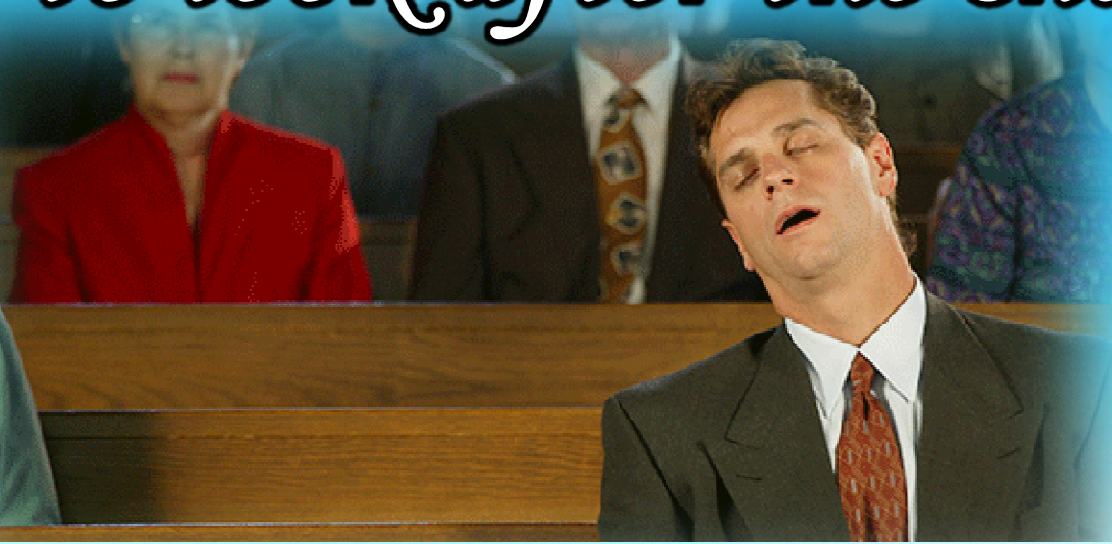
**In their scattering they have become food for predators**

**They have wandered into dangerous situations**

**They have gone so far away we don't even know where to start looking**



*Where are the people that  
were to look after the sheep?*



# *Bad Shepherding Makes Bad Sheep*

**"As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?"**

**Ezekiel 34:17-19**



# *God's Judgement*

**Ezekiel 34:7-10**



# *Accepting Responsibility*

**The Nursery Rhyme is not a call to make “good” sheep but instead a call for a “great” shepherd**

**It is a call to action**

**The call is for him to blow his horn**





# *Blow Your Horn!*

**Wake Up!**

**Stop Hiding**

**Become aware**

**Go to the meadow where the sheep can see him**

**Then accept the responsibility  
of re-assembling the flock**



*You can choose to  
be irresponsible  
but God will hold  
you accountable*

