

CBC MEN'S RETREAT, SESSION THREE

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THE VARIOUS FACETS OF SPIRITUAL SHEPHERDING

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SPIRITUAL/SHEPHERD LEADERSHIP AND PERSONALITY TYPES. STYLES AND STRENGTHS VARY.

EZRA 9:3 -- EZRA'S BEARD

NEHEMIAH 13:23-25 – ISRAELITES' HAIR

SHEPHERDING IN THE FAMILY (MARRIAGE, CHILDREN)

EPHESIANS 5 & 6

1 PETER 3:7

MANHOOD DOES NOT PROHIBIT LISTENING TO ONE'S WIFE (OR TO THE WISE COUNSEL OF A WOMAN LIKE ABIGAIL – 1 SAMUEL 25).

MANHOOD/SHEPHERDING DOES NOT STIFLE THE GIFTS AND ABILITIES OF WOMEN WHEN LEGITIMATELY EXERCISED. INDEED, WISE SHEPHERDING OF ONE'S WIFE AFFIRMS HER ABILITIES AND ENCOURAGES HER MINISTRY – PROVERBS 31.

SHEPHERDING IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

ONE CHIEF SHEPHERD, MANY SHEPHERDS (1 PETER 5:1-4)

SHEPHERDS (ELDERS) SHEPHERD, BUT THEY FUNCTION TO EQUIP AND FACILITATE SHEPHERDING WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE BODY (1 CORINTHIANS 12; EPHESIANS 4:1-16).

SHEPHERDING AND WORSHIP: MANHOOD AND EMOTIONS (PARTICULARLY IN WORSHIP)

JESUS MANIFESTED A SPECTRUM OF EMOTIONS, INCLUDING TEARS (JOHN 11:35), AND INTENSE EMOTION (GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE).

DAVID AND THE PSALMS

HE WAS A MUSICIAN

HE WROTE PSALMS/SONGS

****HE DANCED BEFORE THE ARK – 2 SAMUEL 6:12-23; see Psalm 9:1**

SUMMING IT UP

THE SHEPHERD HAS HIS IDENTITY IN THE GOOD, THE GREAT SHEPHERD.

THE SHEPHERD LEADS BY SERVING; HE DOES NOT "LORD IT OVER" OTHERS.

THE SHEPHERD IS PROMPTED BY HIS LOVE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "HAVE A HEART FOR GOD" OR TO BE A "MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"?

14 "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you" (1 Samuel 13:14, NASB).

22 "After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will'" (Acts 13:22, NASB).

10 Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly" (2 Samuel 24:10, NASB).

4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been* (1 Kings 11:4, NASB; see 1 Kings 14:8; 15:3; Psalm 108).

20 The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all His ordinances were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless with Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity. 24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes. 25 With the kind You show Yourself kind; With the blameless You show Yourself blameless; 26 With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the crooked You show Yourself astute (Psalm 18:20-26, NASB).

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled me. 13 They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; 18 They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots (Psalm 22:11-18).