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The Shepherd Needs a Shepherd, Too

An invitation to lead with integrity, receive support, and stop carrying everything alone.

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PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

Acts 20:28; Galatians 6:1–2

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 5:2–4; Mark 6:30–32; Ephesians 2:6; James 5:16

READ TEACHING

Acts 20:28 begins with attention to the leaders themselves before it speaks of the flock. This is not a call to self-importance. It recognizes that a shepherd’s life, conduct, and care matter to the people being served.

Leaders can become isolated when every relationship seems to require an answer, a sermon, or a decision. Jesus invited His disciples to withdraw and rest after ministry. Receiving care is not a betrayal of calling. It is part of faithful stewardship.

Galatians 6 describes restoration in a spirit of gentleness and the bearing of burdens. Healthy accountability involves honest conversation, wise boundaries, and appropriate action when harm has occurred. It never requires silence about wrongdoing.

Your place in Christ, expressed in Ephesians 2:6, does not depend on this week’s attendance or the quality of your latest sermon. Identity makes room for repentance, rest, and learning. It also frees you to honor another church’s calling without trying to own it.

Choose a trustworthy person with whom you can speak honestly. Consider what support you need: prayer, a practical plan, a colleague, a counselor, or a season of rest. Crossnet’s invitation is to relationship, not to surrendering the church entrusted to your care.

KEY REVELATION POINTS

Care for the flock includes attention to the shepherd’s own life.

Accountability should restore and protect, rather than control.

A leader’s identity in Christ comes before ministry performance.

TEACHING / SERMON OUTLINE

1. Hear “take heed to yourselves” in Acts 20.

2. Consider Jesus’ invitation to rest.

3. Define restorative accountability.

4. Identify one trusted relationship and a sustainable next step.

YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST

“and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” - Ephesians 2:6 NKJV

Read all passages in context. Use this handout for personal study, group discussion, or sermon preparation.