

MAY 17

**“EVEN IN THE DARKEST
OF TIMES, YOU ARE IN
THE PALM OF GOD’S HAND.”**

READ

Luke 15:1-7

When I was a little boy, we used to go over to an old saint’s house for prayer meetings. This lady had a painting of a stormy night, and a little lamb was hanging over the edge of a cliff. In the scene, you see the Good Shepherd reaching down, getting a hold on the lamb, saving its life. I can still see it. The Bible says the Good Shepherd rejoices and throws the lamb over His shoulder. He’ll leave 99 in the wilderness. You know what that means? It means the 99 have each other. The shepherd knows they’re safe, even in the wilderness. What about that one? The lost sheep? When you’re alone, secluded from the body of Christ, feeling you’ve failed, about to go over that ledge, Somebody comes for you. Jesus will never fail you as Savior and Father. If God was willing to put His own Son on a cross, how much more will He save you? If you left the fold, for whatever reason, Jesus is coming for you. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

PRAY

Lord, You are my shepherd. There’s nothing else I need. You make me to lie down in green pastures, You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul. Even if the darkness of death is threatening around me, I’m not afraid. You are with me.

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