

A Matter of Perspective

At times like this we often think about those things that are really important. There can be a realization that it is not really *things* that are so important, but rather, *people* that are important. Our relationships with our families and friends are ever so important. To have a relationship at all there must be at least two involved. There are some very interesting and challenging ways to keep in contact with our loved ones today, but the extra effort is so worth it.

God wants to have a relationship with each of us. It is so important to Him that He gave His Son for us, to make a way that we can walk with God. A relationship, by definition, has to be with another. In the Bible we can read about this beautiful relationship between God and people. Psalm 23 is written from the **perspective** of the “sheep”—how the sheep see the Shepherd. *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name’s sake”* (Psalm 23:1-3).

The other side of this incredible relationship between God and people is found in the **perspective** of the Shepherd—how the Shepherd sees the sheep. Jesus said in the Gospel of John 10:11,14 *“I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” “I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of mine.”* God knows us, and we can

know Him in a personal relationship with Jesus. These Bible passages, from the Old Testament and from the New Testament, together show both sides, both perspectives of a beautiful and eternal relationship with God. You are greatly loved by the Great Shepherd. There is no better place to be, than to be closely following the Good Shepherd as He lovingly leads His beloved sheep. I continue to pray for each of you daily.

Love in Christ,
Chaplain Todd

