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John 21:15-17 (NASB95)

¹⁵ So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said* to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, **do you love Me more than these?**" He said* to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said* to him, "**Tend My lambs.**" ¹⁶ He said* to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, **do you love Me?**" He said* to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said* to him, "**Shepherd My sheep.**" ¹⁷ He said* to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "**Do you love Me?**" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said* to him, "**Tend My sheep.**"

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NASB95)

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as **pastors and teachers**, ¹² **for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;** ¹³ **until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.**

Acts 20:17-32 (NASB95)

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how **I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,** ²¹ **solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.** ²² "And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. ²⁴ **"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.** ²⁵ "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. ²⁶ "Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷ **"For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.** ²⁸ **"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.** ²⁹ "I know that after my departure **savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;** ³⁰ **and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.** ³¹ **"Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of**

three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. ³² "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.