



Monday Matters

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Shark Tank This

We no longer have cable TV, but we do use an outside antenna and get some stations. Shark Tank airs on Friday nights, and we like to watch it. The show features a panel of investors (the sharks) who listen to inventors of products give a pitch in order to gain some financial backing from one of the investors. It's an interesting show. The reaction of the investors to these new ideas and products is almost comical at times. Their reactions range from "that is a crazy dumb idea" to "I will challenge the other investors like a shark just so I can be the investor of this amazing product."

There is a unique product that I saw the other day on Facebook that would make a good Shark Tank challenge. There was a large pack animal with a rigged-up blanket that was put over the animal's back. On each side of this large "blanket" were four pockets. Each pocket carried a small lamb.

The purpose of this pocket-blanket was to carry the lambs as the flock of sheep moved along. When they would stop periodically the lambs were put to their mothers to nurse then returned to the blanket as they moved along once again. Now this seemed to be quite a clever idea and I'm sure they considered the health of the lambs, but I wondered. Would the lambs gain in strength and stature as they were not exercising their little muscles and bones hanging for periods of time in those pockets?



I thought of my relationship with my Shepherd. The depth and strength of my growing knowledge of God would be quite stunted if I didn't have to "get on my feet" and walk along life's path experiencing the good and the bad. What would I know about His love and grace if I contentedly "hung in his pocket" and only got out to be nourished? I may know about Him in my head, but I doubt I would know much in my heart. Trusting God along life's path is hard at times, but it develops a deep and trusting relationship that makes life worth living to the fullest.



God indeed does tenderly comfort and support us like we are his lambs. That we can count on. But He also wants to produce a committed life full of strength and stature...to be a light in a very dark world.

*"I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep."
John 10:11*

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