



February Sermon Series:
Remaining in Christ
(A Study of Christ's 'I Am' Statements)

“I AM” Statements:

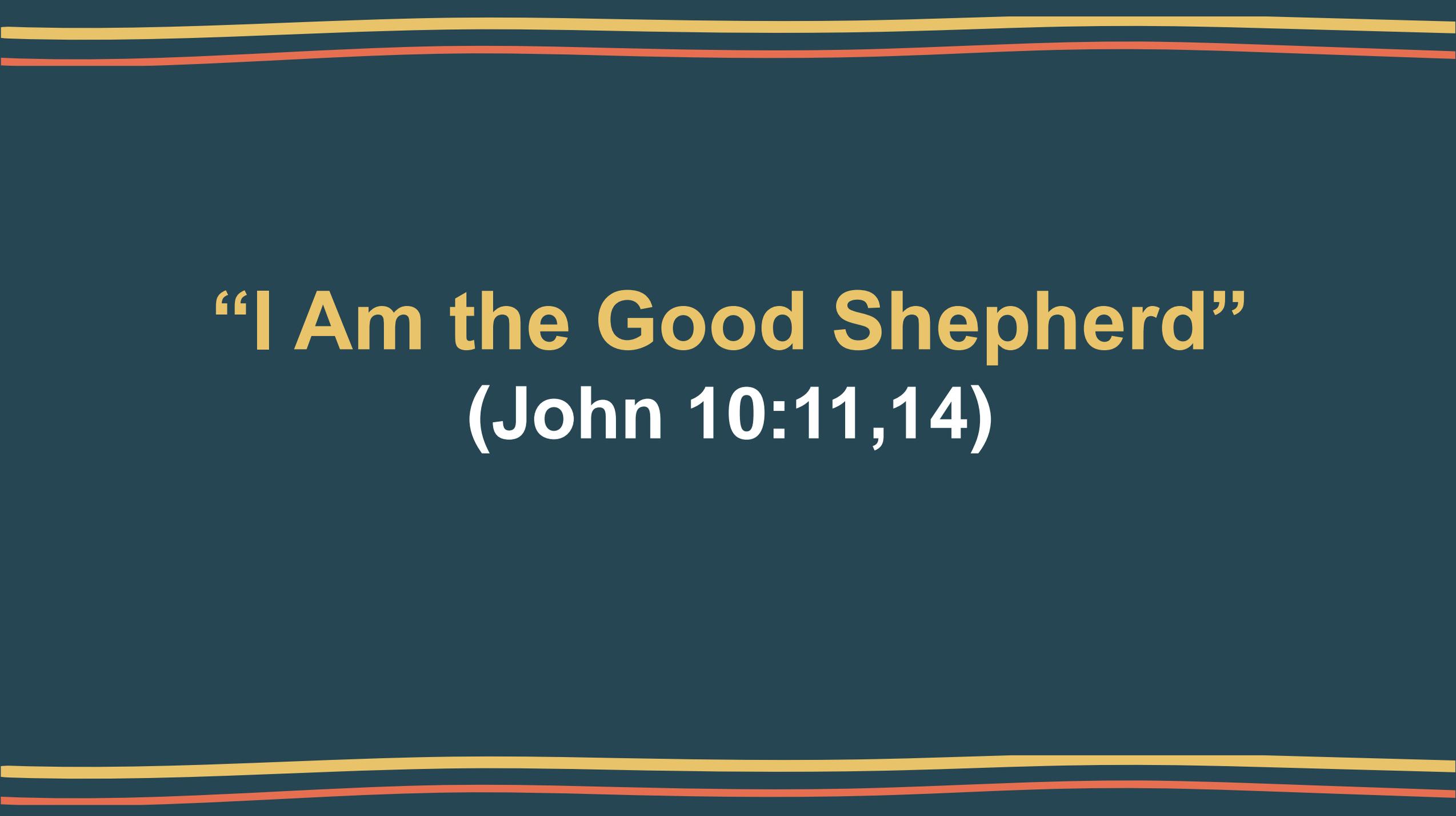
“I AM the True Vine” (John 15:1)

“I AM the Bread of Life” (John 6:35)

“I AM the Light of the World” (John 8:12)

“I AM the Door” (John 10:9)





“I Am the Good Shepherd”
(John 10:11,14)



Lesson Four:
Jesus, the Good Shepherd



John 10:11-16, I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.



I am the Good Shepherd; and I know My sheep and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

The Hallmarks of a Good Shepherd:

- Sacrificial
- Watchful Eyes
- Knows the sheep
- Makes room for other sheep



I. Jesus is the Good Shepherd.



II. Jesus Lays Down His Life for the Sheep.





I John 3:16, This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

John 15:13, Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.



John 10:18, “No one takes [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again”

**A. It Distinguishes the
Difference Between a Good
Shepherd and a Hired Hand.**





John 10:12-13, “He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”

**The difference is that the
hired hand loves his life
more than the sheep, but
Jesus loves His sheep more
than His life.**





Verse 11, “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Verse 15b, “I lay down My life for the sheep.”

Verse 17, “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life.”

Verse 18, “No one has taken [My life] away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative.”

**“Every one of us is being
shepherded by someone,
some-thing, or some idea.”**



The Bandwagon Syndrome

- People have a deep need for inclusion.
- People are too lazy to think.



**B. It Creates a Bonded
Relationship Between the Good
Shepherd and the Sheep.**





**John 10:14-15, “I am the
Good Shepherd. I know
My own and My own
know Me, just as the
Father knows Me and I
know the Father; and I
lay down My life for the
sheep.”**



An Excerpt from Psalm 139

“O Lord, you have searched me, and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.



Before a word is on my tongue, You know it completely O Lord—for You created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother’s womb. Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.”



**Hebrews 4:13, All
things are naked and
open to the eyes of
God.**

**C. It Unites the Sheep into
One-Fold.**





John 10:16, “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

Four Things About Sheep:



1. Sheep Are Innocent.



2. Sheep Can Not Care for Themselves.



3. Sheep Will Settle for Less.



4. Sheep Can't Get Up Without Help.



**Jesus, the Good Shepherd
loves you enough to turn you
right side up and put you
back on your feet.**

