

# STRONG SHEPHERD, COMPASSIONATE KING

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## Lead On, Good Shepherd - Micah 4:9-5:4

### FOR CHILDREN:

Try a game of *follow the leader* with your family or friends. Except start with a twist. The leader will lead from behind: Give directions for walking through the house/yard, or for funny movements, but your followers aren't allowed to look at you. They can only go off what you say. Next, the leader can lead from the front. The leader can't speak, but the followers are allowed to look. Talk through the difference, then read Micah 5:4. Real shepherds always lead from the front. This way the sheep know where to go and feel safe. Jesus described Himself as our Good Shepherd (*the one that Micah had prophesied about!*). Keep your eyes on Him, and follow His example!

### FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Micah 4:1-5. In this prophecy God, through Micah, is describing the beginning of the New Covenant age, the beginning of His Church under Jesus (*cf. Acts 2:14-20*). Those in Christ are blessed with Holy Spirit to renew their hearts and minds to live each day in a way pleasing to God! (*Galatians 5:16-24*). But to do so they must be careful to place their trust and security solely in the Lord. That can be difficult at times. Nearly 800 years before Micah, Joshua had posed the choice to the people of Israel when they were entering Canaan. There would be the temptation to compromise with the deceptive religions and made up gods of the surrounding people. But true success would only be found in remaining exclusively loyal to God (*Joshua 24:14-15*). When we live in submission to and trust upon the Lord, our lives become a powerful witness to the world around us! (*Matthew 5:16; 1 Timothy 4:16*). Spend time in prayer this week asking God to reveal how better you can walk in His paths.

### FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Micah 4:1-8. This prophecy explains the end of the Old Covenant age and the beginning of the New Covenant age - Jesus inaugurating the spiritual Kingdom of God! Micah had described the destruction of the physical Temple and the city of Jerusalem, but now he explains that God will build a new Kingdom, one that was spiritual and would last for eternity. Those in Christ become part of this Kingdom at their immersion and partake of its benefits and promises! (*Colossians 1:3-14; Galatians 4:21-26; Hebrews 12:18-24*). In God's Kingdom, Holy Spirit transforms us to walk in God's path (v.2), we experience peace that surpasses comprehension (v.3), there is security and assurance (v.4), and we find emotional and spiritual healing (v.6-7). Also, in God's Kingdom inaugurated by Jesus, unity is restored! Not only the bringing together of the divided tribes of Israel (v.8), but the inclusion of Gentiles saved by Jesus! Spend some time in prayer considering what it means for you to be a citizen of God's Kingdom even now, and what it means for Jesus to be not only your Shepherd, but your King!

### Weekly Memory Verse:

"Come, let's go to the mountain of the Lord, So that He may teach us about His ways, And that we may walk in His paths."

Micah 4:2

### Weekly Affirmation:

**I WILL FOLLOW  
THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD!**

## SEPTEMBER 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- ☐ Read the Book of Micah
- ☐ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ☐ Watch the Bible Project video on *Micah* (available on the website).
- ☐ Prayerfully consider an intentional act of kindness you can partake in each week.