

Contrasting the difference between the traditional pastoral role and the biblical pastoral anointing as modeled by Jesus.

Part 1: The Role of the Pastor....

The pastoral section deserves its own exploration at great length. Exploring the traditional model and juxtaposing the biblical model. It is here that the enemy has gained the most ground and succeeded with the most deception. The Greek word for pastor is *poimen*. Which means to shepherd. The largely unexplored question- what does it *really* mean to shepherd?

.... *Is the Role of the Good Shepherd*

JESUS BECAME THE GATE



symbolizing the role of a pastor - to protect the sheep and allow them to go in and out and find a ministry

Service in perfect freedom under the Good Shepherd

FROM PROTECTION TO PROVISION - A PASTOR'S CALLING

To understand the true role, we need to understand our Lord Jesus as having the utmost concern for the world or those who do not know Him. His love is deeper than ours, and He is ready for us to share in His vision

and kingdom. It can be easy to misunderstand His seeming remoteness over the condition of the world. This is to misunderstand Him. He is simply waiting for His body to move in the direction of His choice. He is actually way ahead of us and knows every need. He is ready to accomplish the work of Ephesians 4. He knows where He wants to send us and what He wants to do- but the body of Christ needs pastors. As a one and one help to release ministry.

Traditionally, the role of pastor feeds” a congregation” the word of God, performs only one ministry while effectively sitting on yours.

Recall that that word congregation is only relevant to the old covenant.

To be a true pastor is to understand exactly what Jesus did. He is the heart of God. Jesus invested in the ministry of others. The first thing He did was to find and release apostles.

He gave permission- he did not create a holding tank

Pastors are responsible for investing in the ministry of others. They do this through a knowledge of those they pastor which is so close from the supernatural intelligence that the Lord supplies. The enemy has no chance to stop spiritual growth. Their goal is to launch apostles. NOT in the word? Keep reading Our significant role and ministry is meant to be supported by a pastor throughout life.

The Only Real Example: Jesus as the Good Shepherd

The only real example we have in the Word of God concerning the role of a pastor is Jesus Himself, who said, “I am the good shepherd.”

Let us look at what He did as a shepherd:

- He laid His life down.
- He made no demands of authority.
- He gave us a choice.

- He gathered sinners, taught them, and released them to ministry.
- He did not exercise control from a podium.
- He embodied ALL of the ministry gifts as well- and still functions in them from Heaven
- Immediately released apostles to the work of the gospel

He said He was the "door" or the "gate" (*thyra*) in the original Greek meaning to go in and out with a specific purpose. And that the sheep would go in and out and find pasture. There is no other real definition in the New Testament concerning the role and function of the pastoral ministry except Jesus Himself.

JESUS BECAME THE DOOR

Let's go back in time to Jesus' time in the near East and find out exactly what was going on in the sheepfold. A major lifestyle of the time and one of importance. A sheep fold was not a holding tank It was a place of protected rest and security and then release.

The ancient semi nomadic lifestyle of the tribes of early Israel revolved around pastoralism. They moved along the fringes of the desert following rains to find the best grazing pastures for their livestock. They knew where to lead. A very significant point as Jesus called Himself the good shepherd and knows exactly where the harvest is. In our case, the spiritual harvest of souls.

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock at night"

We can see the job openings were for the shepherds as a full time employment in early Israel and other nomadic lifestyles.

Jesus included this in the word of God to represent His constant and enduring job as The Good Shepherd watching and providing protection for the sheep. He has a job in mind. This is actually the mind of Christ. Our good shepherd has a job in mind for us.

The sheep pen consisted of a walled open air structure of stone or mud with one opening or gate. Never an actual heavy wooden door. At night, the most dangerous time for sheep, the shepherd literally laid down in the entrance and “BECAME the door.” No danger was allowed to pass and anyone who entered in another way was considered a thief. Just as Jesus describes Himself as the gate. John 10.

Jesus used this model of shepherd and sheep keeping to describe Himself as well as His relationship to us. The people of the day would readily understand and now so can we.

John 10: 1-5

John 10:7-9 Verily, verily I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

Jesus used Hebrew idioms. “In and out” was a commonly used idiom representing a livelihood. The original Greek phrase for that idiom is very specific (eiseleusetai kai) and it means a person’s daily life, public conduct, and official duty. It implies freedom under perfect security.

Deuteronomy 31:2 And Moses spoke these words to all of Israel. I am an hundred and twenty years old this day- I can no more “go out and come in” Moses is telling Aaron that he is dying and is no longer able to lead, campaign or manage the daily affairs of his life or ministry.

Go out and come in” is an idiom of the time of Jesus describing a livelihood-

These ancient idioms of the day are important to dissect. We understand the fullness of meaning that Jesus intended.

Thyra or (thura) in the original Greek means door or gate. The root word is “door” and “door of purpose”. This carries a heavy symbolic weight. The good shepherd literally slept in the doorway at night to protect the sheep. The shepherd is laying his life down. Which is exactly what Jesus did for us. The shepherd became the door to protect at night. Then during the day

he did not HOLD them, he releases them and leads them out. For a specific life sustaining purpose. To feed, grow, and mature, to live out God's design for their lives.

This is symbolic of who Jesus is the good shepherd. Showcasing the role of a true Pastor and Good shepherd. It is not an undefined role. The role of the good shepherd or pastor is to first find the sheep for salvation and protection- a going in". Then to lead them out" the going out" into pasture, purpose and maturity of service. To serve.

The symbolism is clear-

Jesus is the GOOD SHEPHERD WHO LEADS HIS FAMILY IN PERFECT SAFETY AND FREEDOM SO THAT He may RELEASE THEM THROUGH (the gate) HIMSELF INTO a MINISTRY .

Jesus is the good shepherd who leads his family in perfect safety and protection so that He may release them through Himself (the gate) into a ministry of mission and service.

Just as the nomadic shepherd cared enough to watch in the doorway so all would be well our Savior is the same. Calling Himself the good shepherd and wanting us to draw the similarities from the text of scripture. Wanting us to understand the role of a true pastor. Our savior, just as the nomadic shepherd had a great purpose in keeping his sheep safe and sound at night. He knew there was work to do! He would need them to go out and find pasture and graze. Bringing the flock to maturity and mission. We are the same. There is no holding tank of redundancy- but a mission field of harvest Jesus is waiting to open the door and lead us to.

This is our only biblical example of a pastor. The good shepherd. To give undefined and unlimited authority and claim the church belongs to them is

a folly. The good shepherd laid His life down for the safety of his flock and then gave them a mission.

To say a pastor has authority over christians and to deny a mission is the opposite of what our Lord did throughout His life and ministry. Education cannot bring what is to be born spiritually. To bring understanding that under human authority there is no ministry born. There is simply not enough love in it.

History has taken a few scriptures- "Hegiomi" in Hebrews (which is in the 2nd chapter)- "shepherd the flock"- "feed my sheep"-

By tradition we have applied our "experience" in church to confirm the role of pastor by these few scriptures.

By not correctly interpreting the role of the good shepherd which includes the release of mission. We then fail to understand the proper use of authority in God's kingdom which is over the enemy and not over one another.

If you take those into the context of the bible we would recognize that "shepherding means to release ministry".

Which has taken further study and extracting work to understand. The church has accepted a simplistic interpretation of these terms previously.

THYRA greek meaning (door) with a specific purpose and function
It is typically thought that when Jesus said to Peter "feed my sheep" He meant to continually monitor them and teach them the bible endlessly. This is because we "experience" church in that very way and then we cite it in the bible. We allow our experience to literally read and interpret the word of God for us. It is easy. It seems to fit.

To feed sheep means, as we have learned, is to “open the gate” and allow them pasture. To go in and out with a definite purpose. Yet under the great care and protection of the good shepherd. They are free. Sheep are not fed by sitting and being force fed. They go out and FIND. They move out to graze, go in and out and find pasture. When Jesus said to Peter feed my sheep” He was actually saying “ make more apostles” to serve and release others as Jesus did. Tradition holds under authority. Jesus laid his life down not to give authority- but as an example. Not to be a leader with authority- but Peter lay your life to release others to serve- to send others out. Authority over one another is the opposite of apostolic release. Which is what Jesus was asking of Peter.

THE Tug Boat- no one is practicing



A good pastor knows the value of the sheep. He knows God needs them. He knows and understands he is not the only one who is called to serve according to the word of God. Good shepherds knew the value of their sheep. Jesus called Himself the good shepherd.

To be a good pastor is to protect, serve and then release to ministry. This is what Jesus did and He called Himself the good shepherd.

His life and ministry exemplified purpose and freedom. He made sure others knew they were needed by God to grow the kingdom of God. He knew who exactly WHO they were even while steeped in sin.

I have heard christians say “ we are submitted and my pastor has complete control and authority”. What are you submitting to ? Is there a job or a service or a ministry the authority is leading you into? Jesus needs you- a good pastor is called to understand that. He is called to serve your life until you find that place of service.

The ministry gifts are described as a joint and a compact, IMMENSE cooperation. Not an earthly authority that leads nowhere.

This keeps it in God’s hands under His authority. Man’s authority is more easily corrupted and has sin in it. Jesus is allowing all christians to form in another direction. He has opened the gate of going in and out (thyra) to create the exponential gift and growth of apostleship. And more. Which works much faster and exponentially than sitting under authority.

This is exactly why Jesus said of authority- “ Not so among you” Human authority was never meant to “run” christians. It runs them nowhere as there is no purpose in it. There is only purpose in the releasing of christians into their ministry.

Tradition has chosen institutional preservation over the true role of a pastor. It pays the bills. It creates illusions such as popularity, performance and platform. Choosing these over our participation in ministry has left the true role of a pastor ineffective. We are meant to

be a called out assembly not arriving on time for a theatrical performance. While watching the performers we become mere onlookers. There are many in need of a true tug boat pastor who knows their every need. The single model of pastor holds the sad truth that in all probability, that pastor does not even know the names of those they claim to pastor.



The Pattern of Release: The Blind Man (John 9)



Jesus is beginning to show the pattern of releasing ministry as a pastor. This defines the role of a pastor. John 9:1-11 this is not an interpretative leap- it is in fact, one of the few places that define the role of a pastor in ALL of the new testament.

When Jesus healed the blind man, He began to show the pattern of releasing ministry. This is one of the few places that define the role of a pastor in the New Testament.

When Jesus healed the blind man he sent him out immediately to tell others. He told the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam. Siloam in the original Greek is “apostello” and means sent to be sent. Which means apostle.

Jesus sent the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam. Siloam in the original Greek means "sent." To be sent is "apostello," or apostle. Jesus was immediately sending the healed man to be an apostle and tell others what Jesus did for him. This is where the Pharisees became angry. They asked, "Who are you to preach to us?" It threatened their authority. If you try to teach or preach, you will get the same livid reaction today because the spirit is the same. Those in love with their jobs and authority hold themselves superior to what God actually wants to do. Authority has brought the ignorance of Ephesians 4. No one can preach against the office of a pastor" Except that is what Ephesians 4 is! We have to realize even as we breathe- the enemy has deceived the church right under our noses ! Just where we don't expect to find him- he is hiding.

This "twist" of authority has made the church ignorant. We have accepted a lazy old Covenant system. Even miracles are overlooked and misconstrued as rebellion. As they preach against the office. Some argue that the blind man did not gain the office of an apostle. Correct. There is no office. The priesthood of exclusivity is over.

There is no "office" of an apostle. The Levites were the only ones who held an office, and that priesthood of exclusivity is over. The blind man met Jesus and was *sent* to witness as an apostle.

The Three-Fold Chains of the Old System

The blind man met Jesus and was sent to witness as an apostle which means to be sent. Jesus sent him to go tell all that God did for him. To describe the two different meanings of the word (nomos) one is law and one is freedom. One is used only in the old, the law, and the other is exclusive to the new. Freedom.

We are still in a system that prioritizes the job standing over the release of ministry. The simplicity of what Jesus did with the blind man is clear. He

was moving the power dynamic of a centralized authority to a disturbed ministry available to anyone he touched.

*The chains and the plight of the blind man were
three-fold*

1. **Physical Limitations:** He was held by the physical limitations of blindness.
2. **Spiritual Condemnation:** To further compound his misery the law and the rules of the Pharisees sat on him heavily. The Pharisees claimed he was blind because his parents sinned. Jesus confounded the old covenant laws once again claiming his blindness existed so the works of God (*ergon*) could be made manifest. These words of God are healing and include the work of ministry. Offering him the freedom of forgiveness, then healing with a duality of blessing that launched him into apostleship. The Pharisees held the blind man in old covenant laws with no freedom or grace. Jesus came to break their hold on him. By translating him to a different kingdom. Those of the old covenant rendered him an outcast with no purpose where he remained shunned by society. This was all they had to give without Jesus. Jesus knew whom he created and why. He said to the blind man you are neither sick, condemned or useless. This happened so the works of God will be made manifest. Be made whole, I accept you, I need you.
3. **Social Exclusion:** Under the law (*nomos*), he was shunned from the temple and society. In the Greek, *nomos* means to "parcel out judgment." Under this law, the man had no change and no grace. Under the law (*nomos*) of the Pharisees he was convicted and excluded. This is what makes high school so hard. In the context of

the old covenant the word (nomos) means to parcel out judgement. Under this law the blind man had little hope and no change in his life. This law only showed condemnation and excluded grace.

The Shift from Nomos to Nome

Enter the "Sent One"—Jesus. He uses the same root word with a covenantal change. It is now *nome*, which in the New Testament Greek means "pasture." The root for both is *nemo* (to distribute) to parcel out, but the meaning changes with each separate covenant.

- **Old Covenant (Nomos):** Judgment and exclusion.
- **New Covenant (Nome):** Pasture and freedom.

Under the Good Shepherd, the blind man was sent into the pasture (*nome*) to exercise his first work (*ergon*) for God, and his new spiritual and physical sight. He was free to "go in and out" to graze the land of his newly found ministry. The only permission he needed was from God, who gave it to him without any man in between without exercising authority. Jesus was and is the high priest of his profession. He did not ask man's permission and gave him the gifts of ministry himself. He needed no permission from man. Jesus came to set him free. And for all the blind man had suffered, Jesus had a three fold purpose.

- 1) First he healed his eyes so he could physically see. He sent him to the pool of siloam which means apostle. His transformation now deepened beyond the restoration of his physical sight. He can see spiritually now. The one who healed him has loved him and he receives the love of God in action. He knew it was not a generational curse but rather that the works of God be manifest. He sees the kingdom of God which enhances his physical sight into perception. His transformation deepened beyond physical sight.
- 2) Two fold the blind man was now set apart and sanctified and free from the Pharisees and their system. The confines of the old covenant man would not hold him again in the bonds of

cruelty. The spiritual hooks that allow you to enter but offer you “no way out” into a life of ministry have been dissolved in Christ.

- 3) Three fold in fact, the blind man now rises to new heights as a witness to God's love in a ministry. He has not only been healed physically or merely washed in a pool but has been immersed in the very mission and identity of Christ. There is a dramatic covenant shift from the law to mission

From Law to Mission breaks the tentacles of old covenant law and bursts us forth from salvation to ministry. Jesus demonstrated the law of release.

- 4) The mission of Jesus on our behalf. This demonstrates the mission field available to all of us who have met Jesus. The liberty in the pasture of going in and moving out represents the full counsel of God, which is far better than the first covenant. We can discern the old covenant in most churches as we are allowed to enter but find no way out. To go forth with a purpose. The old covenant with its strictness of hierarchy control and rigidity have been dissolved by one touch of grace. Stemming from the hand of Jesus. The new has arrived, dissolving the old. The release of ministry has begun in Christ.

Jesus has provided a way in and out. In by salvation and out by the gift of Christ which is ministry. He is not a holding tank. The holding tanks get created when we believe and adhere to old covenant principals.

Let's take a look at some other examples in the word where Jesus moved in the role of a pastor- where He sets those he touches free to ministry. Highlighting the role of a pastor as a gatekeeper to ministry. The only example of the role of a pastor in the new testament was Jesus Himself. Who shows us first the way to salvation, gives healing and then opportunity to spread those gifts to others. Once touched by the master He sends us into apostolic ministry. This is the power of apostleship being released by a

pastor. This exponential power would then be released to others who have received it and it creates a never ending chain of salvation, healing and consequently more apostleship. The process is simple and it was intended to never end.

What else does Jesus do? He knows us intimately from heaven. He governs us with love and wisdom. He sets our body and mind free so we are able to serve him. This is the role of a pastor. He is pastoring us from heaven every day we breathe.

The Pastoral Anointing as a Launching Pad

The New Testament cites dozens of instances where Jesus sent those He touched into the mission field. We do not find evidence of Jesus appointing a pastor to have authority over a congregation from a pulpit. Instead, we find a frequency of salvation, healing, and sending.

The Example of the 5,000 and the Twelve

1) Jesus fed the 5,000 and "sent them away." This does not mean he was tired of them. In this context, "sent" is *apostello*. He was offering them an evangelistic role to tell others what the Lord had done. He wasted nothing. Creating a springboard from a life he touches to the lives of others. After Jesus touches a life, that life becomes a land for the gospel to further reach. Likewise, He lived closely with the twelve and taught them by example. He did not hold them under a podium; He sent them forth to be His apostles. This has always been His master plan.

2) He called the 12 apostles. The first thing He did. He did not hold them under a position of authority entirely of his life or theirs. He lived with them closely and taught them by example he sent them into the world with the gospel he believed and sent forth anyone he touched not just to be disciples but to become apostles. This has always been his masterplan, his

genius idea he knows is best. So the enemy fears it and has worked many grave deceptions against it.

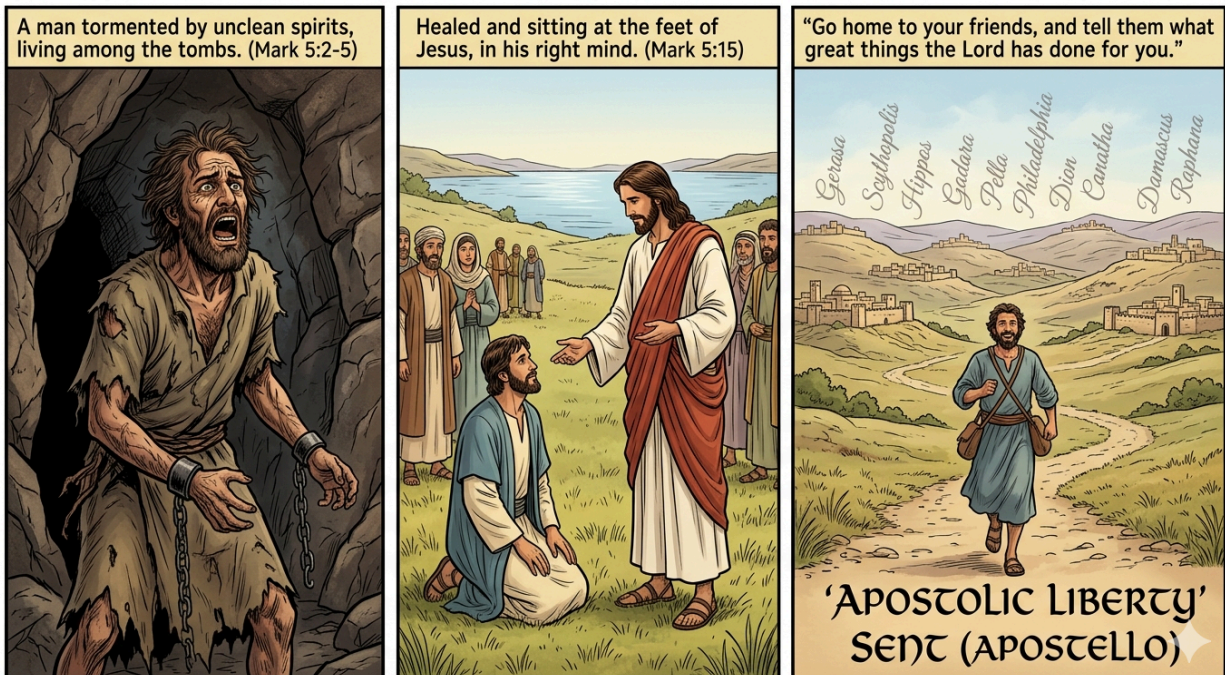
3) The new testament cites dozens of instances where Jesus sent out those he touched into the mission field. While we are still looking for a defined role in the temple we simply do not find this example as a priority of our lord. A defined role in the temple there simply is no evidence of it cited in all of the nt of Jesus appointing a pastor who has authority over a congregation preaching from a pulpit. Instead we find the absolute frequency of salvation to healing to sending; his healing power dealing a deadly blow to the camp of the enemy. This powerful duality poses power over this present world and its holding tanks of sin, sickness and authority creating a ripple effect of light into the world. He who possesses all wisdom and power chose this method for release. Equipping the saints.

4) tracts.com We have pastored thousands as we have equipped them to spread the gospel. It is as simple as that. The baggage is keeping old covenant laws in a pastoral mold that is not sending anyone out with the gospel. It has been hiding the truth. This old covenant baggage has kept millions in their seats and confined in a role that is much beneath what God has for them. We are so much more than tithing members. We are new testament apostles, prophets and evangelists. Waiting to be sent forth.

The Demoniac of the Gadarenes brings life from the ashes. This case was not too difficult for our Lord. He had plans, directly after Jesus delivered this man from a legion (millions) of demons. He did not stop there. Jesus sent this man to 10 cities with his most impactful testimony. To speak everywhere of his great deliverance by the One who loved him and died to set him free. Even the enemy of God could not stop the demoniacs freedom to witness the works of God. Who was now working for Christ as a new testament apostle.

Tragedy turned to victory at the touch of Jesus, and overflowed unto the world. The obedience into apostleship overrode any old covenant strictures. It keeps ministry in God's holy hands and it is free of the sin that tempts us. Now anyone the freed

demoniac witnessed to would be free as well. With new covenant eyes to see the miracles of Jesus and to receive salvation and miracles



The Modern Discrepancy: Undefined Roles

Today, we have an undefined role of a pastor assigned with unlimited authority and duties not found in the Word. We have a culture of the "untouchable leader" and a Roman mindset of hierarchy.

- **The Psychological Barrier:** The traditional pulpit creates a physical and psychological barrier, rendering the Body of Christ useless under the power of one.
- **The True Anointing:** If you tie the role of the pastor to what Jesus did, it emerges as the anointing of apostleship—the action of *sending*. A true pastor knows the people intimately until their needs are met (healing, salvation, etc.) so they are free to launch.

- **Static vs. Movement:** By elevating one ministry to a supreme office, the "being sent" movement of the Body stops. We have allowed the church to be morphed into a stationary and ineffective institution.

The pastoral anointing is not a role; it is an action to equip the saints so they can do the ministry. Anything else is Old Testament baggage that keeps millions confined in seats that are beneath what God has for them.

We have successfully established Jesus as the primary model for a pastor whose main function is to heal and "send" (apostles)

This next section is a powerful "Apostolic Jailbreak" We are effectively using the Greek word chain to bridge the gap between pastoral care and apostolic deployment.

Part 2: The Apostolic Jailbreak

The church is not meant to be a body of frozen joints, but one of moving parts, so compacted and sure of itself that new members are added daily. This is the surety of Ephesians 4—a solid unity that delivers souls. Instead, we watch a "one-man office" while sitting on Romans 12:4, which states that all parts have not the same office (*praxis*). In the Greek, *praxis* means functioning in deed or practice.

Fear of man has choked out the revelation of God. This phase of the war is education, which relieves that fear. The next phase is application, which will be perceived as rebellion. That voice will be quieted as we conclude that Ephesians 4 as a lifestyle is easier. As the saying goes: *"Ignorance makes things harder; Ephesians 4 makes things easier."*



Apostles first-

Wait a minute- I thought the bible said pastors first?

1 Corinthians 12 :28 and God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversity of tongues. The pastoral role is NOT listed in order of importance as primary or first.

Apostles are PRIMARY. Of most importance. They are sent into the world with the gospel. An apostle is not for the church or saved population. This is God's will and priority. Governments are listed as one of the least important. I believe the reason for this is once the lost have been found and saved, they need the other listed gifts. Miracles and healing. The helps and governments are last as they may be needed to organize moves of God and some logistics simply for the purpose of practical arrangement.

A list in descending order of importance. In context you are the body of Christ, and members in particular, to be a member of the church, you will function in one of these gifts. Respect different gifts and let them work together - work together as equals. Covet the best gifts- encourage the body to go in that direction. He has thought so very much of us- to become an active member of His body. There are not strict lines and offices of function. These gifts are interchangeable among us according to need. I have seen some nurses unafraid to do the job of a nurses aide. To chip in and help. It is rather like that. Interchangeable.

The Toes: Outgrowing the Pew



Under the pastoral ceiling, spiritual growth has nowhere to go. Many Christians have outgrown their seats; they own Bibles, walk in faith, and possess the Holy Spirit. They are "popping out of the pew," well past the need for more teaching or another song.

The pastoral system seeks to keep the "sheep in the shoes." It may look polished to the naked eye, but seen through God's eyes, the story is different. The life of Christ has grown inside the believer and has no place to go. The structure of the "church shoe" has become painful and deforming. Boredom in the pew is a symptom of under-utilization. There is no opportunity for apostleship or the regular feeding of the hungry on a freezing cold night.

The apostolic system described in Ephesians 4 is beckoning us free, wanting to release us into the field to edify and enlarge the Kingdom of God.

Can you imagine a church that knows they have outgrown the pew, the sitting, the endless teaching. There would be rejoicing in heaven !

The Blind Man's Identity Shift - find and insert near other

The blind man left behind his identity as a beggar to find pasture as a witness. He faced the anger of the Sanhedrin with the boldness of a brand-new identity: *"I was blind, and now I see."* His pastor, the Good Shepherd Jesus, did not just heal his body; He set free his spirit unto apostleship to witness in the Jewish temple. This is the pattern: the Good Shepherd first heals, then releases to ministry. This is the defining role of a true pastor.

The Right to be Sent

The Pharisees could not take away the blind man's right to be sent. Excommunication is impossible. The blind man could have shouted, *"You can't fire me—I don't work here anymore!"* He found the One He serves.

In Christ, no one can "fire" you. You contain the unchecked, original right to give others the hope that dwells within you. The Pharisees proved to be "thieves and robbers" who killed the man's status, but Jesus dissolved their work with one touch of sand.

Finding Pasture: The Joy of the Warrior

Finding pasture (*nome*) does not just mean rest; it is to find the joy of a warrior maneuvering a specific area of work while institutional leaders defend their thrones. It is the freedom to move "in and out" to find purpose.

John 10:10 — The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life (zoe), and that they might have it more abundantly (perissos).

"Zoe" is a divine, superior quality of life—not mere physical survival ("bios"). "Perissos" implies a life that exceeds normal limitations, overflowing with spiritual joy and divine power. It offers soul satisfaction over ritual. Pasture is the freedom to move in and out to find purpose. It means the spiritual life within us is not restricted but receives continual access to a mission.

The Linguistic Word Chain

There is no gap between the healing of the blind man in John 9 and the teaching of the pasture in John 10. The original Greek creates a "word chain" that breaks the chains of religious hierarchy.

The Chain: POIEMEN → NOME → APOSTELLO → ERGO

1. **Poimen (Shepherd):** The verb is *poimaino*. The primary job of the shepherd is to send the sheep to the right places.
2. **Nome (Pasture):** The destination where the sheep find sustenance to do their work.
3. **Apostello (Sent):** The action of being deployed.

4. **Ergo/Ergon (Work):** The business, task, labor, or employment of the Kingdom.

Finding pasture is "the business of the Kingdom of God." Once Jesus opens your eyes, you are no longer a beggar at the gate. You have full access to the *ergos* of the Kingdom. With a man between us and God, that right is denied.

The Six Specific Shifts

- **From Confinement to Commission:** The blind man moved physically and spiritually.
- **Proof of Pasture:** It is public, not a quiet field of isolation.
- **The New Authority:** Returning with authority by experience to find *ergos*.
- **Thyra (The Door):** Moving in and out with a defined purpose.
- **The Impossible Excommunication:** The right to be "sent" cannot be revoked by men. Proving out excommunication is confined to an earthly kingdom. In the kingdom of God no man can pluck you out" proving the heavenly kingdom.
- **Apostolic Liberty:** Throwing off the confines of the Old Testament law and generational curses.

Feeding the Flock: A Reinterpretation

At the end of the book of John, Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep." This has been traditionally interpreted as a pastor teaching from a pulpit. However, Jesus' own definition of "feeding" was opening the gate into ministry.

The act of feeding sheep is an act of release. One opens a gate, and the sheep find the food; they find pasture. Jesus showed this by making mud, anointing the blind man's eyes, and sending him forth. He fed the man by giving him a mission.

Jesus was telling Peter- please don't forget to release more apostles- this is what feeding the flock is. It is not endless teaching that leads to a gerbil

cage. The intelligence of God is always to release apostles to carry the gospel. It never ends, it never gets boring, and it always produces fruit.

The "church shoe" is coming off, and the "word chain" has provided the movement.

This section gets to the heart of the "Apostolic Release" and contrasts it with the historical "Layers of Authority."

You will see a logical progression from scripture to history to fight and win our personal "War on Ignorance "

Part 3: The Anointing of Release

The Pattern of Jesus: Sending the Sent

The man healed in John 9 is still blinded, not knowing who healed him, and Jesus tells him to wash in the pool called Siloam—which is by interpretation "sent." This English word "sent" is the Greek *apostello*, the root word of apostle.

The man comes back as a witness for Jesus; he has been sent by Jesus to spread the Gospel. Despite having no religious instruction and never having been allowed in the temple, he is now teaching the leaders (John 9:34). Moving into John chapter 10, Jesus defines the role of a pastor (*poimen*). This is the only instance of the Greek word *poimen* being translated as "pastor" (Ephesians 4:11).

Jesus defines "pastor" as the act of releasing others to serve God and sending people to find their ministry.

Biblical Precedents for Apostolic Liberty

This is not an isolated example. Jesus consistently acted as a "releasing pastor":

- **The Twelve Apostles:** Common men who learned His example to do His same works.
- **The Seventy (Luke 10):** Jesus expanded the deployment beyond the inner circle.
- **The Two-by-Two (Mark 6):** A strategic sending out of believers.
- **The Gadarene Demoniac:** After deliverance, Jesus did not hold him in a local assembly; He told him to "go and tell." The man subsequently spread the Gospel to ten cities!
- **Luke 4:18–19:** Jesus proclaims He came to bring "apostolic liberty."

After 1,700 years of a wrong definition of the pastoral anointing, it is hard for many to believe that releasing people is the primary New Testament function.

The Anointing in Action: A Personal Account

Teaching the skill of evangelism- understand we can learn how to evangelize. Follow this pattern and His leading to success in spreading the gospel

When God calls, the anointing flows with a beginning, a middle, and an end. The church under a "top-heavy" pastor often cannot experience this because the authority of the man prevails over the godly call to ministry described in Ephesians 4.

The Holy Spirit knows who He is sending and why. One day, while heading to a free pantry, I saw a small, half-sized tote in my room. I never take that one I thought. The Holy Spirit interrupted my train of thought and said, "Take that small one too." I obeyed. Later, I encountered a deaf couple by a storage unit. I felt the urge to pull over and offer them overflow from the

pantry. As I began piling items into their arms, I realized I needed that specific small tote. It was perfect. They also needed the Gospel; they were able to hear me through a writing device that spelled out my words. They were blessed physically and spiritually. This encounter had a beginning, a middle, and an ending—an adventure of obedience that would not be possible within the walls of a traditional church service.

Unfeeding the Flock: Relinquishing Authority

In 1 Peter 5:2 and Acts 20:28, the terms "overseer" or "bishop" are used. In the original context, this meant to be a *host* of a meeting. It does not imply a mandate to hold people under authority, but rather to release them into a "flock of apostles."

John 10:9 — I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

PERMISSION-Human authority holds ministry and sits on it- apostolic release into pasture gives you permission. As God has already given it to you.

That phrase in and out is so important. In by salvation- out by releasing your ministry after meeting Jesus.

The phrase "to find pasture" in the original Greek is (nome). This is how the Good Shepherd released the blind man, and it is the model for how we are to be released into our own ministry.



The Rare Anointing: A True Pastor

I once had a pastor who never stood at a pulpit and never claimed a title. She was a mother and a friend who spiritually discerned my condition with supernatural intelligence. Because of her one-on-one attention and encouragement, I was able to find maturity and move into my godly purpose. She was and is a faithful and strong tug boat that walked beside me to maturity.

A true pastor responds to newly saved people by taking them under their wing and discipling them to **maturity**, not dependency. Their work is done when that individual is released and becomes functional in their own ministry. They are the "tugboats" that launch the ship.



The Historical Origin of Pastoral Authority

To understand where today's authoritarian structure began, we must look at the edicts of the first Pope, the Emperor Constantine. The following historical "layers of authority" are not biblical; they come from the seat of human authority.

The Donation of Constantine & Dictatus Papae

- **The Vision:** The church should "imitate the ancient court of the Romans" and use laws to "subdue the human race."
- **The Claims:** The Pope alone is universal; all princes shall kiss his feet; he alone considers books "canonical"; he may dispose of bishops without a synod.

Notice the heaviness and the lack of grace in these edicts. The Word of God is totally absent. By calling a man the "head of the church," these traditions discount the Lord entirely.

The War on Ignorance

The enemy's trick is to keep the Body of Christ sitting in a pew, thinking the "Five-Fold Ministry" is only found in a pulpit. In reality, **WE are the Five-Fold Ministry unawares.**

The Result of the Present System:

- **Immaturity:** We remain simple onlookers.
- **Insignificance:** We believe all ministry is completed at the pulpit, leaving our own experience silent.
- **Blindness:** We do not recognize the ministry gifts in ourselves or our neighbors.
- **Subservience:** We enter a ritual without the power of the Kingdom.
- **Onlookers-** pastoral authority has created generations of onlookers

The Apostolic Launch

Service is the freedom of the New Testament believer. It is wrong to say a pastor is the only one who can serve; it is not biblical.

"All things are possible through our maturity." — Quote from Papa

Once we are educated on the ministry gifts and grow into them, God will be able to work through all of us. He wants to save, heal, and deliver, but He waits for our arrival on the scene. He has included us as the last part of the puzzle- the key that releases His miracle-working power.

God had a word for my daughter after she stumbled upon this work and read it- here is what God spoke to her heart-

"In 50 years, Christians will discover and uncover the twisted purposes of the church." — Quote from heaven- 2026

THEY WILL THEY WILL

I have to leave you with my final thoughts for this section.

To believe in one gift above all the others is to lose ourselves. It is to hand our own importance and significance over to another. It is to ignore the word of God and our own work.

“ Our enemy knew to emphasize and promote one minor gift in the body of Christ -(pastor) above the more important gifts- (apostle, prophet). And even to venerate that gift- which is what he was hoping for- for this would mean we will never find ourselves. The power of God is complete in US inside the ministry gifts only. The exaltation of one gift has caused the others to be almost entirely eliminated.

End

The top heavy ministry and the historical layers of authority are complete. We have bridged the gap between the biblical shepherd and the sender. Finding the true meaning of shepherd. We have highlighted how the historical Roman authority interloped and dominated the gift of apostleship. We have followed His leading out of the old covenant into real life examples of evangelism. This will develop in your life and ministry as you follow His leading. He will honor your first steps of effort and faith with His ever present help and support.