



Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

God is Our Rescuer Series, Lesson 13

Lesson Title: One Rescuer – One Truth

Take Home Point: God has the one truth.

Let's tell it!

Warm-Up:

Imagine you are out in the woods at night – no moonlight, no flashlight, no illumination at all. It's completely dark, and you are trying to find your way out without injury or worse. You hear a voice calling, "Follow me!" but you see no light. You call out, "Do you have a light? Do you know the way?" "No," the voice replies, "but I believe in myself and have a good feeling about the way I'm taking. Trust me!" Then from a different direction you see a glow over a hill. Someone holding a torch walks toward you. "I have been sent to rescue you," he says, "and I know the way out. This light will guide us." Who would you follow?

Read: Numbers 22:21-41

Observation (What happened?):

What did the donkey do the three times it saw the angel of the Lord in its path?

What was the Lord's warning when he told Balaam to continue to go with the men?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why do you think Balaam was so quick to beat the donkey that had so faithfully served him prior to this?

Why was the angel of the Lord ready to kill Balaam?

Insight:

In our celebrity culture today, there are many messages competing for our attention and allegiance. Popular entertainers offer enticing beliefs that strike a chord with people who want a comfortable spirituality that does not demand life change or submission to God. Even popular religious personalities offer ideas that sound good and reasonable to a biblically illiterate person. Satan's guile is very subtle; he knows the closer the lies are to the truth without really being the truth, the harder it is to distinguish between the two. That's why it is so important to really know God's Word – not just what it says but why, and how we can apply it to living every day. This requires studying the Bible, memorizing it, thinking about what it means, and being aware of our spiritual warfare so we are not tricked by lies. Read Ephesians 6:10-18 to get God's perspective for us.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

How do you know what God's Word has to say in order to counter the temptation of beliefs that are not true?

Who around you needs to hear the truth of God's Word? Think of one way you can say something this week to that person.