INTRODUCTION:
1. E.g. – “Home Alone -Lost in NY” Separation at the beginning.
2. We can never grow in the Lord apart from following the Shepherd!
3. What does it take to be a good follower of the Shepherd?
4. In this lesson we will define 3 strategies for being a good follower:

I. BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY
   A. KNOWING WE NEED OUR SAVIOR
      1. It is not within man to direct his own steps -Je 10:23
      2. There is a way that seems right to man… -Pr 14:12
      3. E.g. -Sheep could eat harmful plants if not watched

   B. HUMBLE BEFORE GOD -1Pe 5:5-7
      1. God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble
      2. E.g. -the Pharisee and the Tax Collector -Lk 18:9-14

II. HAVE TRUST IN THE LORD
   A. VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH -Ps 23:4-6
      1. David led his sheep through the valley -1Sa 17:32-36
      2. Table in the presence of my enemies
         a. The shepherd takes the sheep to the top of a hill
            surrounded by enemies.
         b. The sheep feast knowing they are safe.

   B. OUR TRUST IN THE LORD
      1. Our adversary the devil seeks to devour -1Pe 5:8
      2. The devil is limited
         a. He will flee when we resist him -Ja 4:7
         b. He is limited on temptation -1Co 10:13
         c. E.g. -Job’s trials -Job 1:12; 2:6

III. OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD
   A. HIS SHEEP KNOW HIS VOICE -Jn 10:1-5
      1. We study the words of Christ that we may discern
         a. We must rightly divide the word of truth -2Ti 2:15
         b. The difference between good and evil -He 5:12-14
      2. His words are often pleasant to hear
         a. The invitation -Mt 11:28-30; Re 3:20
         b. The promise -Jn 14:1-4
      3. His words sometimes are tough to hear
         a. Lukewarm church -Re 3:15-17
         b. MDR -Mt 19:9, 10

   B. WHERE EVIL GETS IT WRONG
      1. Evil appears as an angel of light -2Co 11:13-15
      2. Evil sounds too good to the itching ear -2Ti 4:3, 4

Conclusion:
1. Before we will be obedient, we must be humble and trusting.
2. Will we follow the voice of the true Shepherd?