Day 29

The Chief Shepherd Leads His Church

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:1–11

Key Verse

"And when the Chief Shepherd appears..."
1 Peter 5:4

Today's Devotional

One of the greatest comforts in the life of the church is remembering who is ultimately in charge.

It is not the pastor.

It is not the Elders.

It is not the congregation.

Jesus Christ is the Head of His church.

Peter reminds church leaders that they are shepherds—but only under the authority of the **Chief Shepherd**.

That distinction changes everything.

Pastors come and go.

Elders change over time.

Churches experience different seasons.

But Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

That truth is especially encouraging during times of transition.

As our Elders seek the Associate Pastor God has prepared, they do so with confidence because the church does not belong to them.

It belongs to Christ.

He purchased it with His own blood.

He loves it perfectly.

He knows exactly what it needs.

Nothing about this search surprises Him.

Nothing catches Him unprepared.

Long before we began praying, God was already at work.

Perhaps He is preparing a man.

Perhaps He is shaping his family.

Perhaps He is arranging circumstances we cannot yet see.

Perhaps He is preparing our own church to receive him.

Whatever He is doing, we can trust Him.

One of the greatest temptations during seasons of waiting is anxiety.

We wonder if everything will come together.

Will the timing work?

Will the right person be found?

Will the ministry continue to flourish?

Peter gently redirects our attention.

Fix your eyes on the Chief Shepherd.

The One who has faithfully cared for His church for two thousand years is not about to abandon it now.

Our confidence rests not in human leadership but in the unfailing faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Think About It

1. Do I truly believe Christ is actively leading His church?
2. Am I trusting His timing during this season?
3. How can I better support those He has called to lead?

Today's Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for being the Chief Shepherd of Your church.

Thank You that nothing escapes Your loving care.

Guide our Elders with wisdom.

Prepare the Associate Pastor You have already chosen.

Help us trust Your perfect timing and rejoice in Your faithful leadership.

May You receive all the glory.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from anxiety.

Whenever concerns about the future arise, immediately thank Christ that He remains the Head of His church.

Prayer Focus

Pray that our entire church will rest confidently in Christ's leadership throughout this season of transition.