



Day 35

The Good Shepherd

Sofia always said The Good Shepherd parable was age appropriate from 2 1/2 to 93.

I had completely forgotten that the first time I had given the presentation was shortly after Sofia had presented it to our group in 1975. I had met a woman in St. Paul at Mass who invited me to her home for breakfast after Mass. She was interested in why I was there. Several weeks had passed and I had asked Sofia if I could borrow the material to show her. Of course, Sofia said yes. Now, you know this had to be The Holy Spirit.

I did do the presentation with of course the Found Sheep since that was the way Sofia had presented it. As I was closing the gate, with Jesus carrying the sheep inside, inviting all the friends and neighbors I looked up to see my "new friend" weeping. It was as if I were not there. She said "I thought I was condemned to Hell for what I have done and now I know He forgives me."

I never kept in touch with this woman and I am certain she is now with our Good Shepherd as she was in her 70's then. I had completely forgotten that moment and only remembered it a few years ago. It was a long time before I really presented the Good Shepherd to anyone. After watching those in Roma, I never felt capable of doing it. I have come to find that we are not capable - it is truly the Holy Spirit and the Good Shepherd. We only move the figures and sometimes we are not even doing that as the Spirit sometimes direct movements we have never done before.

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