



Years ago, when our kids were ages 10 and 13, the four of us took a trip to Manhattan. We boarded the train in Jesup, Georgia, and woke up the next day in Penn Station. This was back when people had neither smartphone nor GPS. I only had a guidebook of New York with a map in the back. Money was tight, and so I was always trying to find ways to get the family to travel that did not involve a taxi, whether it was by subway, bus, or many times, walking. We visited museums, Central Park, the World Trade Center a year before 9/11, and other places. As everyone, especially the kids, would get tired of walking, they would ask me, "Dad, how much further is it?" And I would always answer, "It's right around this corner!" They believed me...for a while.

As the distances around the corner became greater, they trusted me less and less. Sometimes I was just trying to get their mind off the walking, and other times, I was truly lost. (We spent an hour wandering around the Bowery at one point). Being a shepherd, especially when you don't know where you're going, is difficult work. My family trusted me to lead them the right way, and although I kept them out of danger and eventually took them where we were going, it included some moments of failure. The phrase "It's right around this corner!" still has special meaning in our family, and not in a good way!

This coming Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday where we will take a look at what kind of shepherd Jesus is. How often do we fail to seek the guidance of the good shepherd? How many times in our lives have we felt despair, forgetting exactly who was leading us by the hand? "14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."-John 10:14-15

Remember this day who is charge of your life and what he has done for you.

Ron

NOTES FROM SARAH OVERFELT.... CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Sparks:** *Mother's Day* is right around the corner so come excited for an amazing Mother's Day gift! We are VERY EXCITED about the summer events coming soon! Look for all the VBS information and sign ups on the FPC website at the end of April! If you are interested in volunteering please let Sarah know. Also, if your child is interested in going to **Camp Montgomery** — get all their camp information from Sarah.

**Kaleo:** *Senior Sunday* is right around the corner! All our seniors in high school please send Sarah a text message or email to get more information. SUMMER TRIPS!!!! Get all that you need about summer trips from Sarah!!! If you are interested in summer trips please text or call Sarah to let her know! Also, waivers and permission slips need to be signed ASAP. Sarah's cell: (352) 843-4080

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Growing with God's Word in Hope</i>			Wednesday	April 25	Jeremiah 30:1-24
Sunday	April 22	Isaiah 43:1-21	Thursday	April 26	Jeremiah 31:1-22
Monday	April 23	Jeremiah 23:1-32	Friday	April 27	Jeremiah 31:23-40
Tuesday	April 24	Jeremiah 29:1-14	Saturday	April 28	Jeremiah 32:1-26