

# ***SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD***



*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them. Because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

*Matthew 9:36*

He saw more than a crowd of weary souls on a Galilean hillside.

His compassionate eyes took in the whole sad, stumbling human race.

*Harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

He saw what we are today:

Harassed and helpless.

Sheep without a Shepherd.

Even those of us who claim to know the Shepherd are baffled by the chaos.

The uncertainty.

The dry voices.

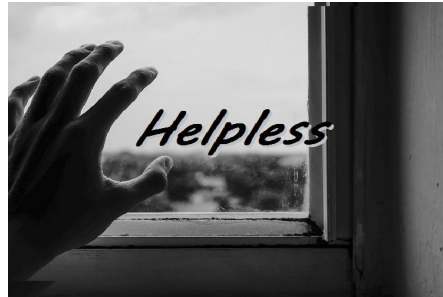
The empty platitudes.

Experts shaking their heads and throwing up their hands.

The authorities are as powerless as the rest of us.

Helpless to control a spreading virus.

Helpless to restore a crumbling economy.



It's time for a harvest of truth.

It's time to listen to the Shepherd.

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"*

*Matthew 9:37-38*

No, this harvest is not an evangelistic "crusade".

It's not a church membership drive.

The Master is not talking about a worldwide expansion of the Christian religion.

This Harvest brings people into God's World, the Kingdom ruled by God alone.

Where God's will is done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Where lies disappear and despair has vanished.

Where the Shepherd leads his sheep beside the still waters, and restores their souls.

A Kingdom which is about to appear in unspeakable glory.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."*

So how do we find laborers for this harvest?

We pray.

We beseech the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers.

If there has ever been a time to pray for laborers it is now.



*Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest From Full of Eyes*

Laborers with hearts nailed to the cross.

With egos crucified with Christ.

With tongues ruled and held in check by the Spirit of Truth.

If you belong to the Shepherd, “Pray for laborers” is not an afterthought.

***It is a command.***

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, beloved Shepherd, despite our weariness and helplessness ... we are not powerless. We believe and pray that now is the time for worthy, effective laborers to enter the harvest. May these laborers come forth in the Spirit of Truth, with their hearts and egos so nailed to the cross that no darkness, not even satan himself can interfere with their task. May their vision of you and the fire of love within them compel them to bring your Kingdom into this world in such a way that the plentiful harvest is reaped the way you, the Lord of the Harvest call it to be... releasing your glory, your living water into the lives of countless multitudes so many are ready for the final call.

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