

A large flock of sheep is grazing on a green hillside. The sheep are scattered across the slope, some standing and some lying down. The hillside is covered in green grass and some small trees. The text "The Shepherds" is written in large white letters across the middle of the image, and "Ezekiel 34 (2/5)" is written below it in smaller white letters.

The Shepherds

Ezekiel 34 (2/5)

Highclere Castle, UK

Who will help me
change?

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1. What must I change?

ch16: **Princess** (identity)

2. **Who will help me?**

ch34: **Shepherds** (leadership)

3. How do I change?

ch36: **Wanderers** (God's work)

4. Am I beyond hope?

ch37: **Dry Bones** (new life)

5. If others won't change?

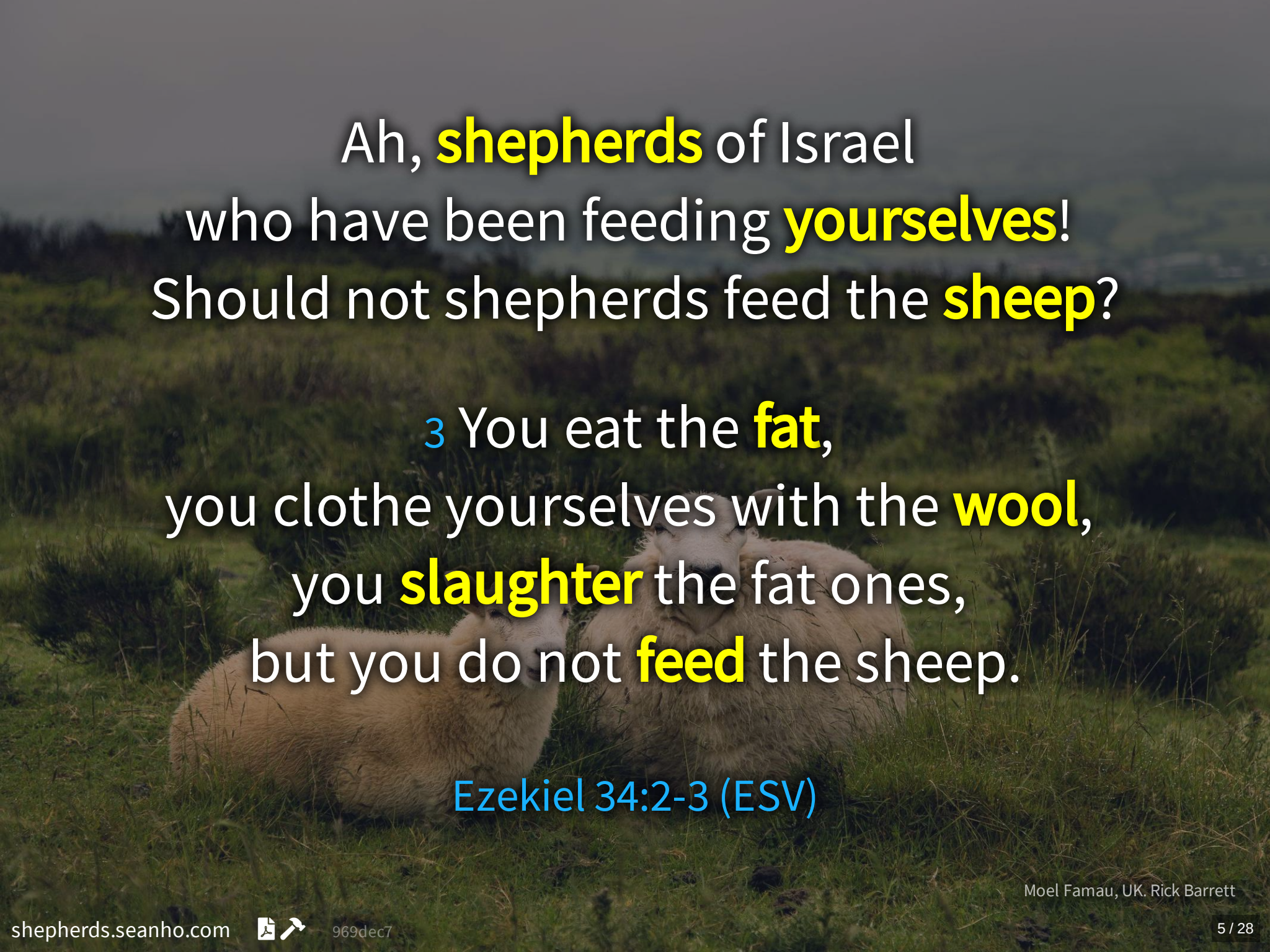
ch33: **Watchman** (missions)

Bad Pyrmont, Germany. Sebastian Unrau



The Shepherds (Ez34)

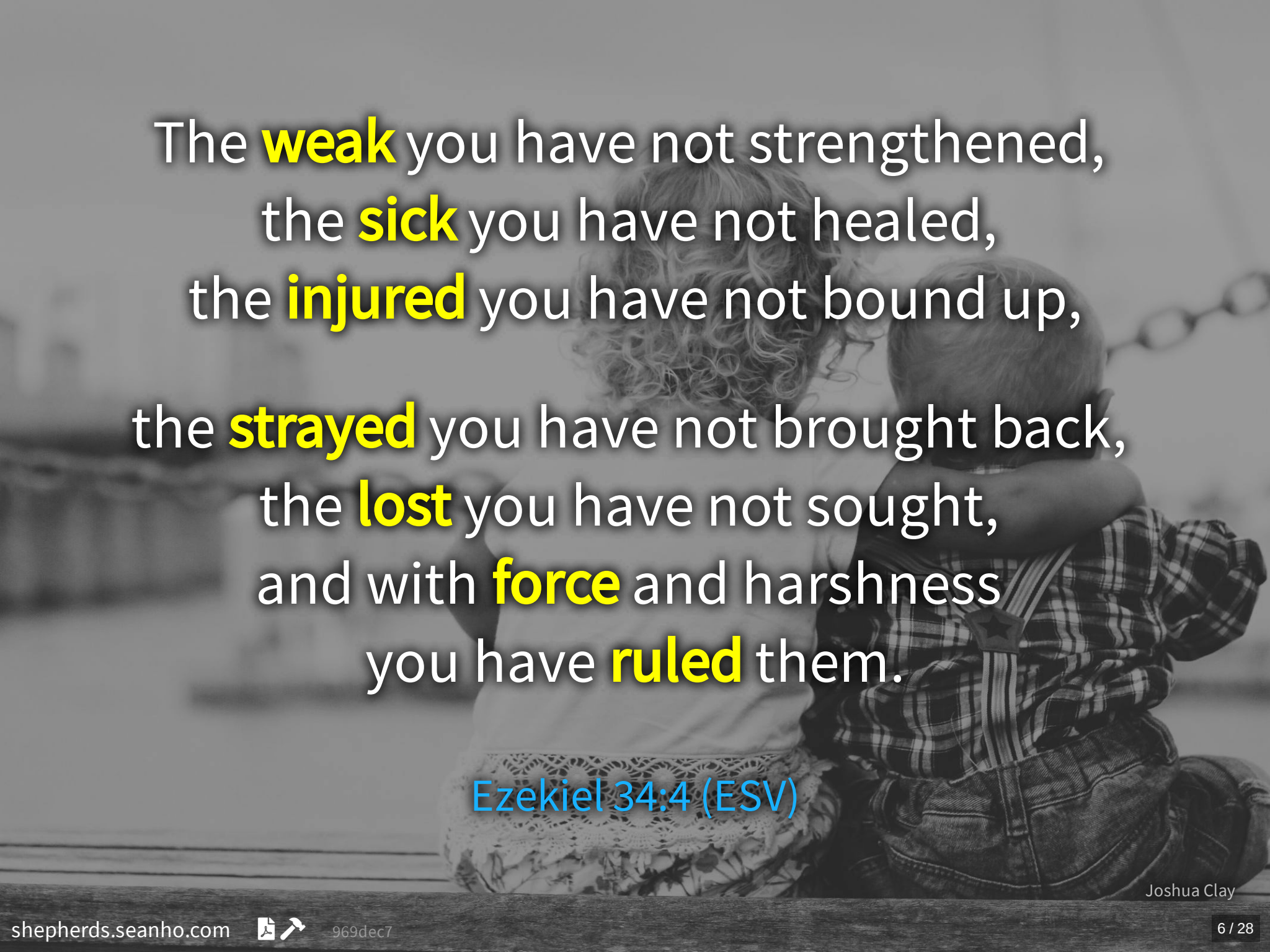
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2. The Shepherd Who **Seeks** the Lost v9-15
3. Sheep Who **Push** Aside the Weak v16-22
4. Sheep Who **Know** the Shepherd v23-31

A photograph of two sheep in a grassy field. One sheep is in the foreground, looking towards the camera, and another is slightly behind it to the right. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green grass and some distant hills under a grey sky.

Ah, **shepherds** of Israel
who have been feeding **yourselves**!
Should not shepherds feed the **sheep**?

3 You eat the **fat**,
you clothe yourselves with the **wool**,
you **slaughter** the fat ones,
but you do not **feed** the sheep.

Ezekiel 34:2-3 (ESV)



The **weak** you have not strengthened,
the **sick** you have not healed,
the **injured** you have not bound up,
the **strayed** you have not brought back,
the **lost** you have not sought,
and with **force** and harshness
you have **ruled** them.

Ezekiel 34:4 (ESV)

Joshua Clay

Who are the **weak,**
sick, injured, **strays,**
or lost

I have neglected?



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Behold, I am **against** the shepherds,
and I will **require** my sheep at their hand
and put a **stop** to their feeding the sheep.

Ezekiel 34:10 (ESV)

Ukraine. Paul Itkin



What will the **owner** of the vineyard do?

He will come and **destroy** the tenants
and give the vineyard to **others**.

Mark 12:9 (ESV)

Mike Kotsch

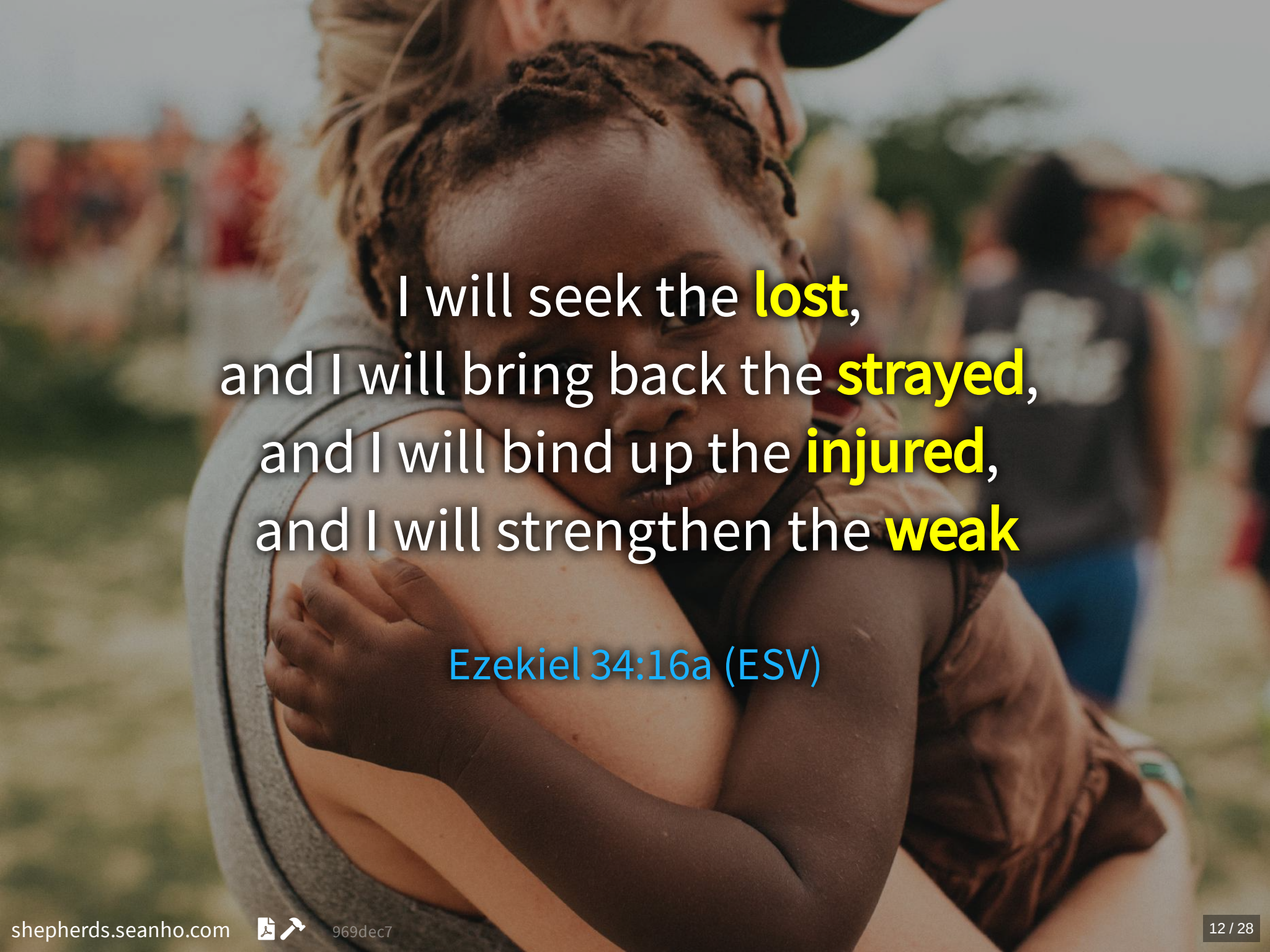


Behold, I, **I myself** will search for my sheep
and will **seek** them out....

I will **rescue** them from all places
where they have been **scattered**
on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

Ezekiel 34:11,12 (ESV)

Shontz Photography

A young girl with braided hair is being held by a woman. The girl is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The woman's face is partially visible, looking down at the girl. In the background, there is a crowd of people, suggesting an outdoor event or festival. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow colors.

I will seek the **lost**,
and I will bring back the **strayed**,
and I will bind up the **injured**,
and I will strengthen the **weak**

Ezekiel 34:16a (ESV)

**What is God's
promise to me
when I am
lost and weak?**



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... I will strengthen the **weak**,
and the **fat** and the strong I will destroy.

I will **feed** them in **justice**.

17 ... Behold, I **judge** between **sheep** and sheep,
between rams and male goats.

Ezekiel 34:16b,17 (ESV)

Hay, Australia. Christopher Burns

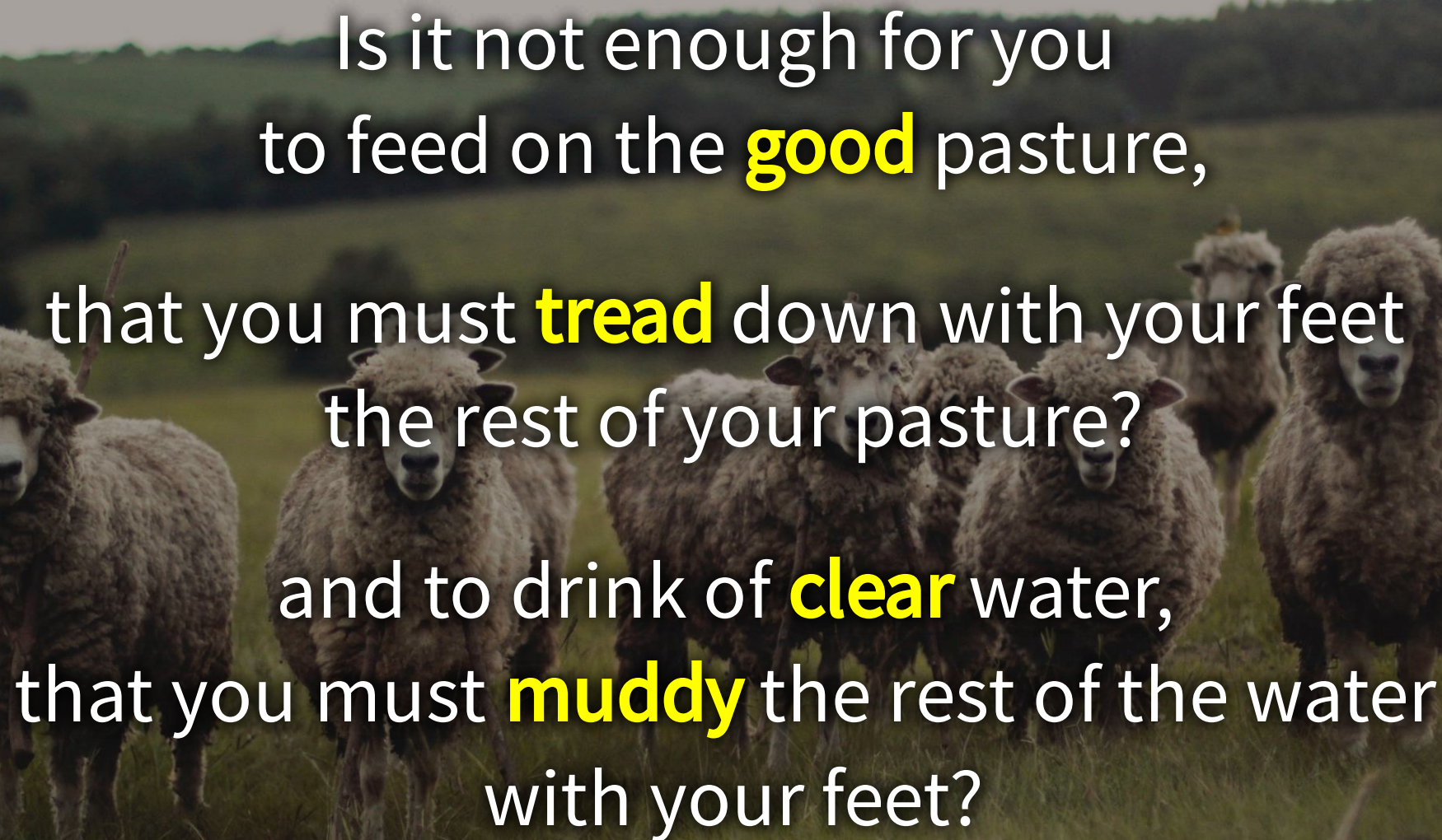


Behold my **servant**, whom I uphold, ...

He will not grow **faint** or be discouraged
till he has established **justice** in the earth;
and the coastlands **wait** for his law.

Isaiah 42:1,4 (ESV)

Dylan Roberts, Strumble Head Lighthouse, UK

A photograph of a flock of sheep in a lush green pasture. The sheep are in the foreground, looking towards the camera. The background shows a line of trees under a soft, overcast sky. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow colors.

Is it not enough for you
to feed on the **good** pasture,
that you must **tread** down with your feet
the rest of your pasture?
and to drink of **clear** water,
that you must **muddy** the rest of the water
with your feet?

Ezekiel 34:18 (ESV)



You push with side and **shoulder**,
and thrust at all the weak with your **horns**,
till you have **scattered** them abroad

Ezekiel 34:21 (ESV)



But **woe** to you,
scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!**

For you **shut** the kingdom of heaven
in people's **faces**.

For you neither enter **yourselves**
nor allow those who **would** enter to go in.

Matthew 23:13 (ESV)

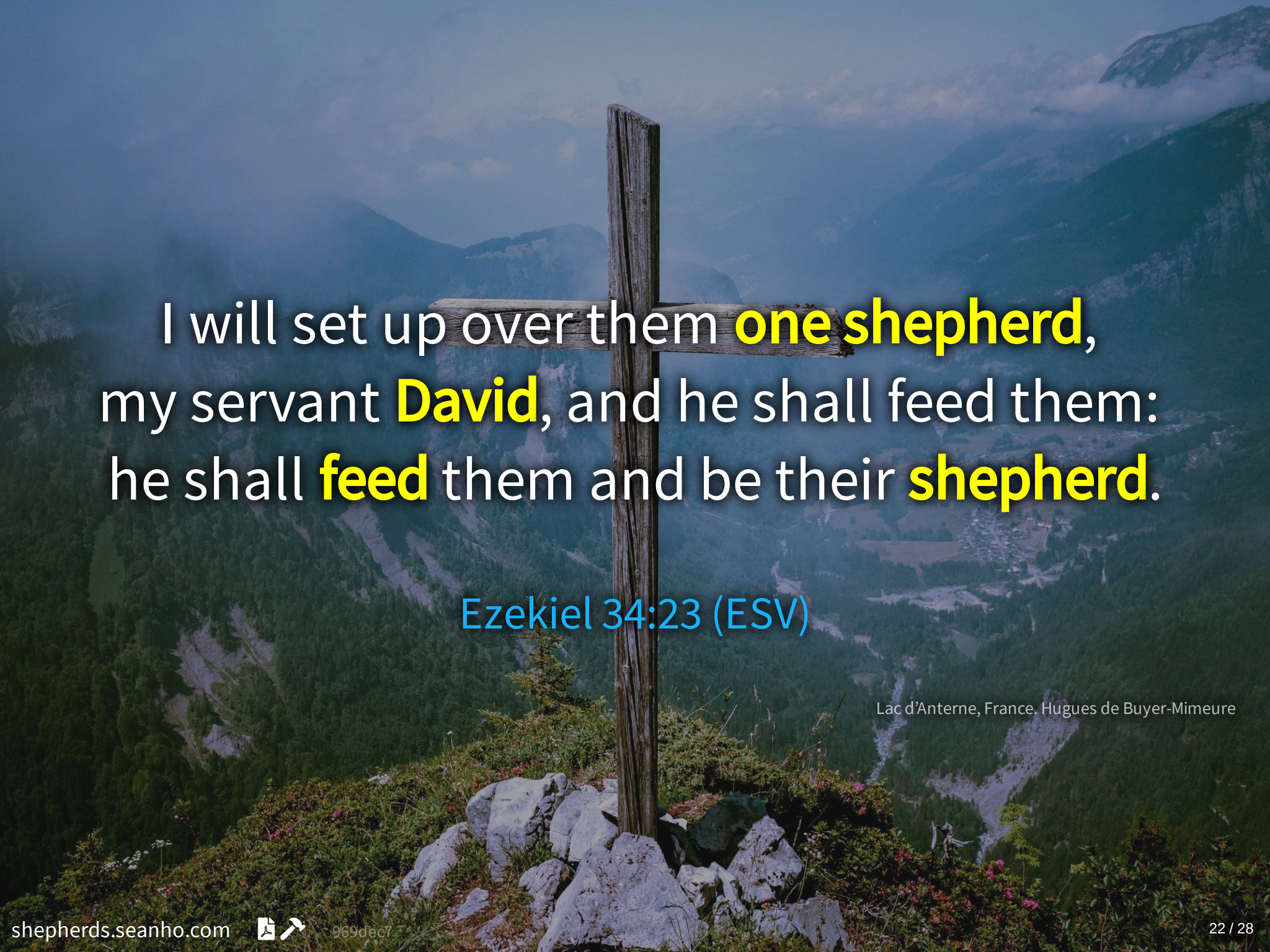
Chefchaouen, Mexico. Randy Tarampi

Have I **thrust** aside
weaker brethren?



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A large, rustic wooden cross stands on a rocky, grassy mountain peak. The background features a vast, misty mountain valley with a winding river and distant peaks under a soft, hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the image, with the main quote in white and yellow, and the reference in blue.

I will set up over them **one shepherd**,
my servant **David**, and he shall feed them:
he shall **feed** them and be their **shepherd**.

Ezekiel 34:23 (ESV)

Lac d'Anterne, France. Hugues de Buyer-Mimeure



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 (ESV)

Aaron Burden



And they shall **know**
that I am the **LORD their God** with them

Ezekiel 34:30 (ESV)

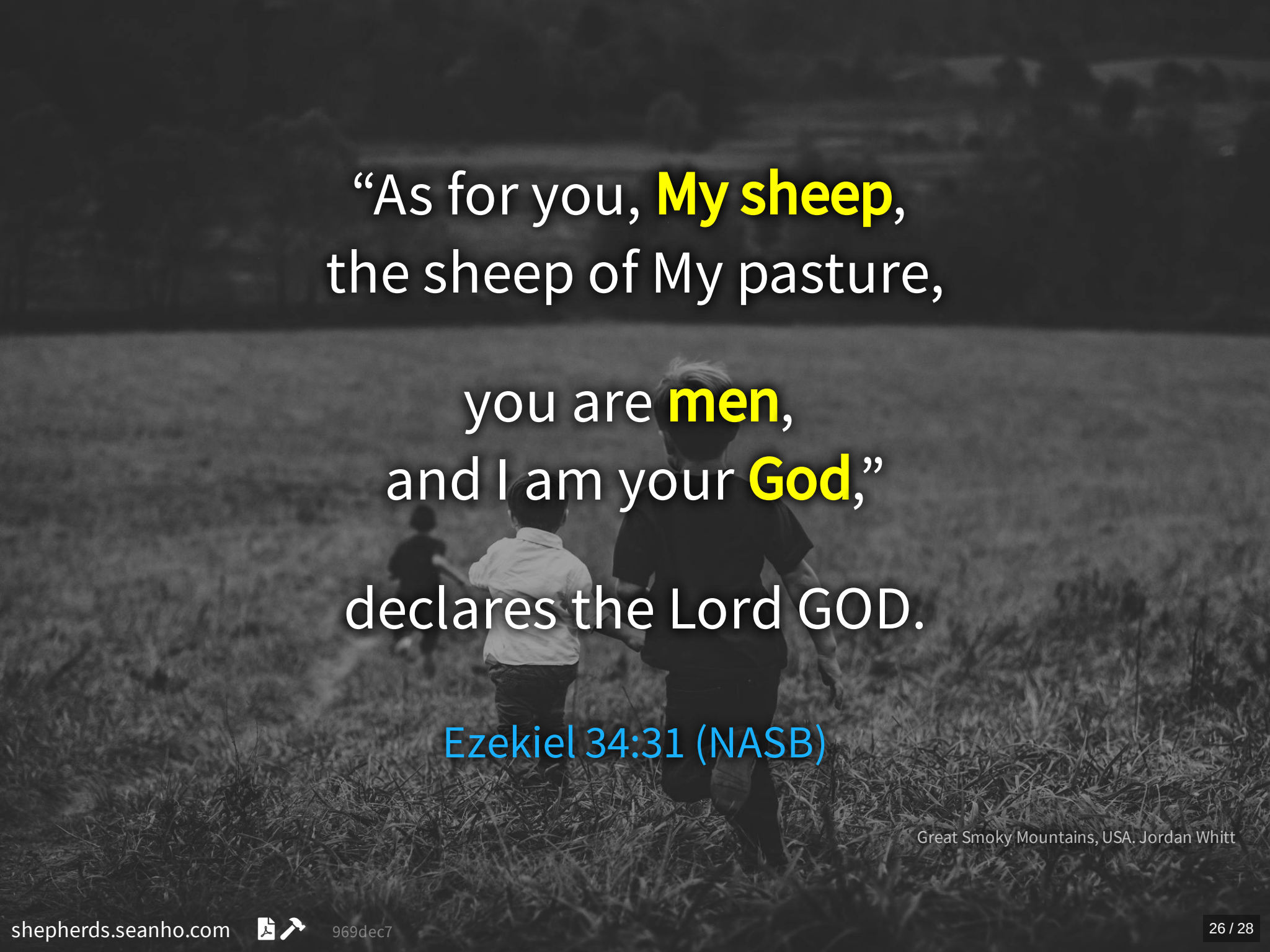
Samuel Ferrara



The sheep **hear** his voice,
and he **calls** his own sheep **by name**
and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own,
he goes **before** them,
and the sheep **follow** him,
for they **know** his voice.

John 10:3-4 (ESV)



“As for you, **My sheep**,
the sheep of My pasture,

you are **men**,
and I am your **God**,”
declares the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 34:31 (NASB)

Great Smoky Mountains, USA. Jordan Whitt

Am I a **sheep of
God's pasture?**

