



**Elders: Their Job  
Description**

1 Peter 5:1-4

Peter encourages the elders to lead well so that the church would follow their example to glory.



# 1. Seek to Encourage Elders

What elders need from the church  
more than many other things:  
encouragement.



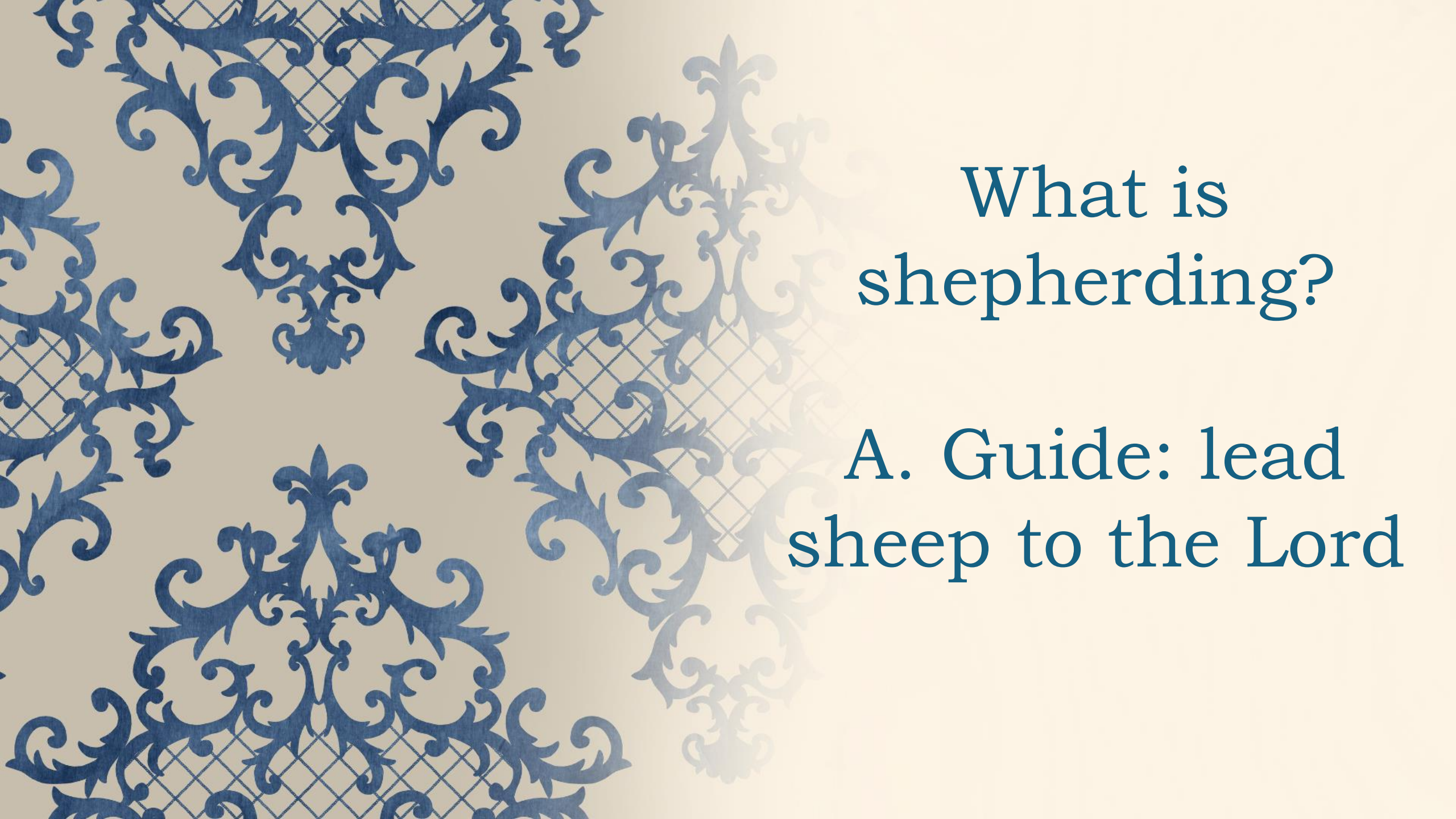
Suffering and glory are never far  
apart in the mind of the believer.

With eyes on heaven, it is hard to  
complain about petty things on  
earth.



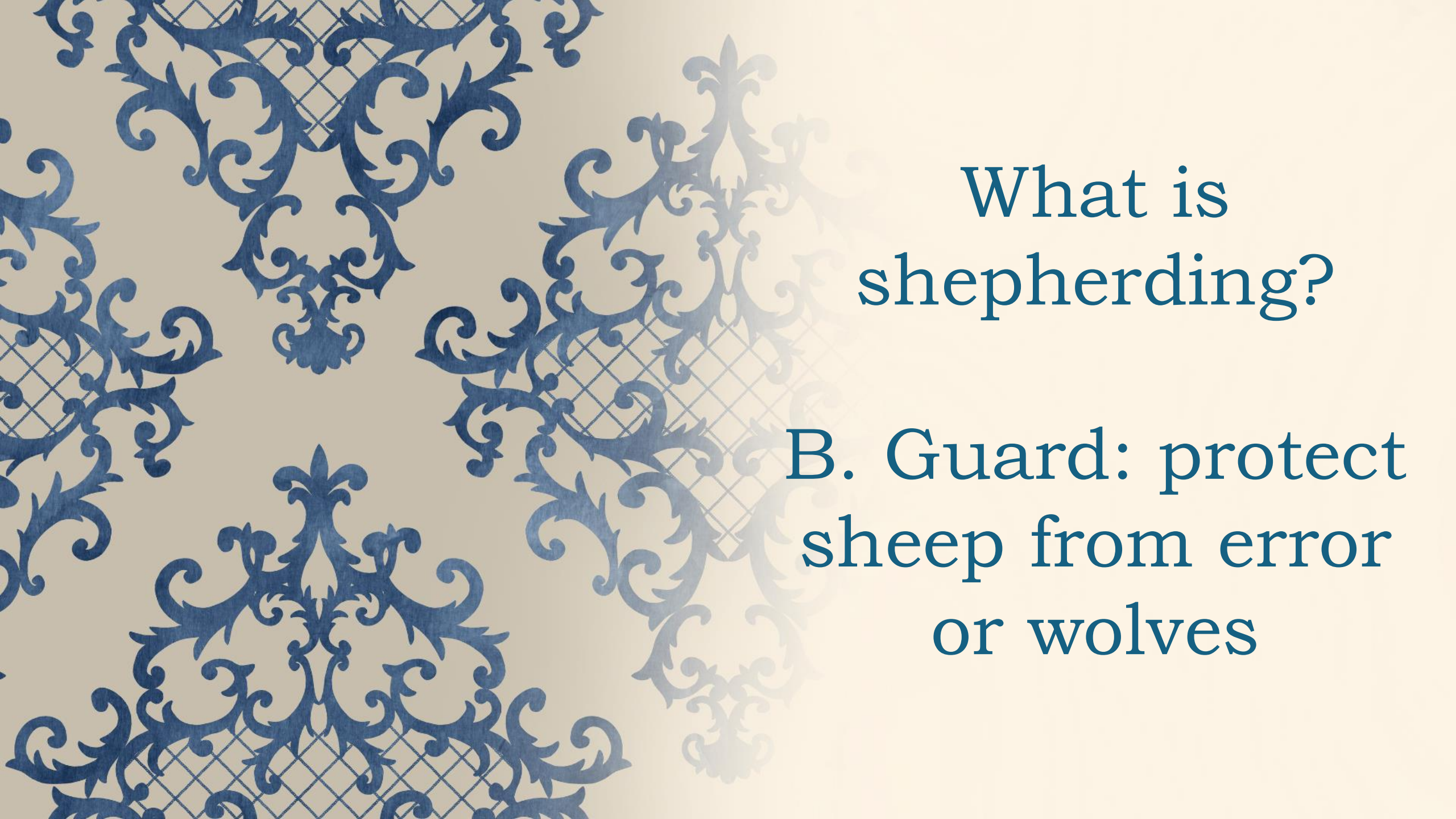
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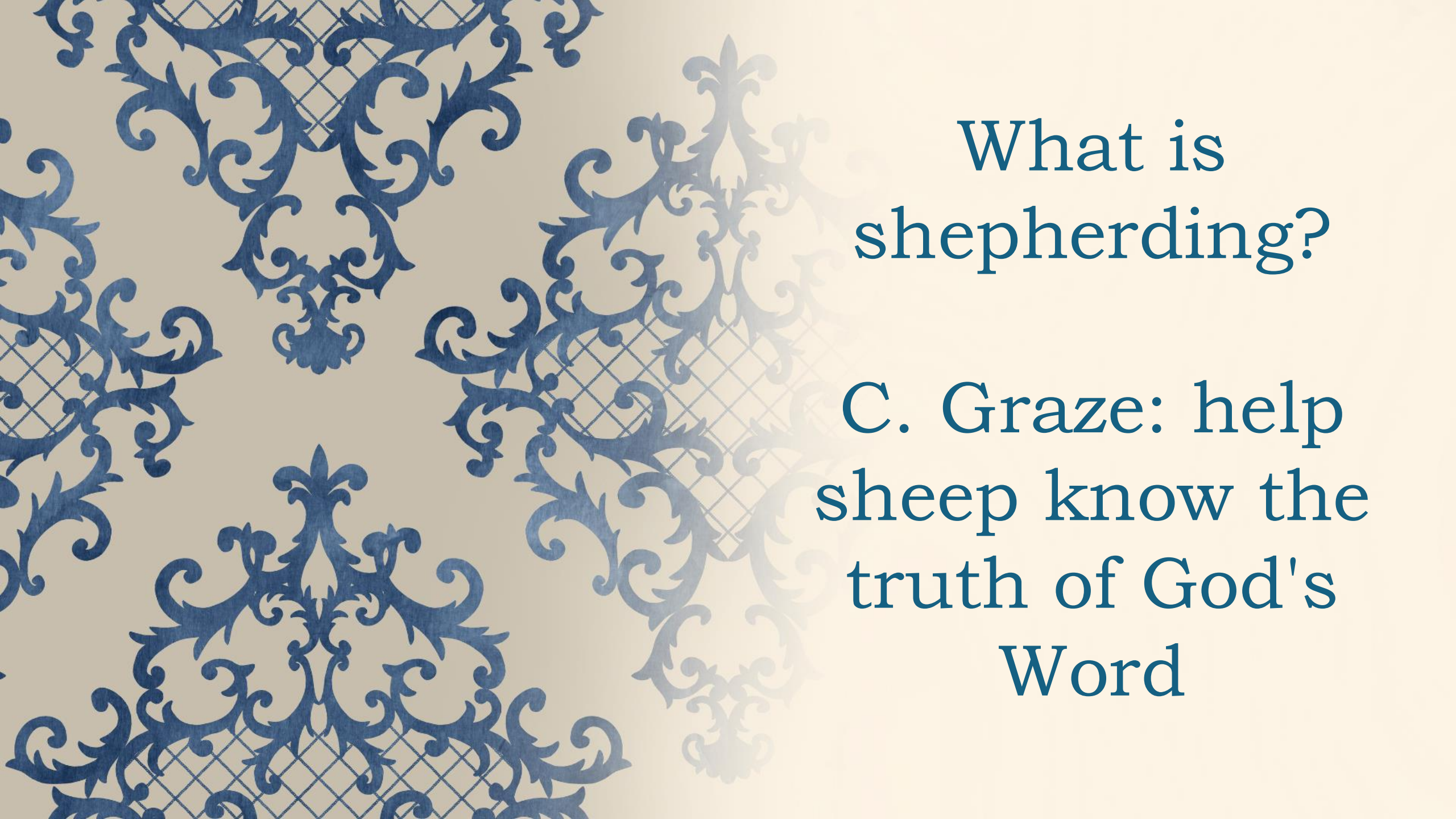
What is  
shepherding?

A. Guide: lead  
sheep to the Lord



What is  
shepherding?

B. Guard: protect  
sheep from error  
or wolves



What is  
shepherding?

C. Graze: help  
sheep know the  
truth of God's  
Word

Every elder should be a  
theologian!

Elders are leaders...it is a role  
with authority and responsibility.

## Matthew 20:25-26

[25] But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. [26] It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

God assigns people to the care of  
each pastor specifically.

1 Timothy 4:15-16.

[15] Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. [16] Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.



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3. Enduring Elders  
Keep Their Eyes on  
Christ

## Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Elders lead well because they will  
have to render an account to the  
Lord.

Elders will be accountable to God;  
the church should obey and  
submit (trust their leadership) so  
long as they are biblical and  
moral.



Who is your elder(s)?



It is Christ's church ultimately.

## Hebrews 10:35–36

[35] Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

[36] For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

## Walking Points:

1. Encourage your elders...know them by name and pray for them.

## Walking Points:

2. If you aspire to this role of leadership, speak with me.

## Walking Points:

3. Find an elder and follow their example of godliness/faith.