

A large flock of sheep is moving through a narrow, rocky mountain pass. The sheep are packed closely together, filling the lower half of the frame. The pass is flanked by steep, rugged mountainsides. The lighting is dim, suggesting dusk or dawn, with a soft glow on the mountains in the distance. The overall mood is somber and challenging.

Shepherding through **Suffering**

1 Peter 5:1-4

A large flock of sheep is gathered in a valley, with a river flowing through the center. In the background, a person is visible on a horse, herding the sheep. The scene is set against a backdrop of rugged, rocky mountains under a cloudy sky.

Take good care of God's
people, especially when
they're suffering

A large flock of sheep is gathered in a valley, with a river flowing through the center. In the background, a person is visible on a bridge or path. The scene is set in a mountainous region with steep, rocky slopes under a cloudy sky.

The sufferings of Jesus
motivated Peter to write
these words

A Pastor's **Responsibilities**

Elder

Overseer

Shepherd



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This role is not for the
uninformed or
faint of heart

A Pastor's **Position**

He serves in submission to Christ

The people he serves belong to God

God assigns people to his care

A Pastor's **Motives**

Not by compulsion but willingly

Not for dishonest gain but eagerly

Not as lords over those entrusted to you



A Pastor's **Reward**

It is **future** not present

It is **eternal** not temporary



A large flock of sheep, including many white and some black ones, is moving through a narrow mountain pass. The pass is flanked by steep, rocky mountains. In the background, a river flows through a valley. The sky is overcast and grey. The text "Pastors should expect to suffer" is overlaid in white on the image.

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Satan seeks
to destroy pastors

If you can do
anything else,
then do that
instead



A photograph of an empty church interior. The scene is dimly lit, with a dark overlay. In the foreground, several rows of white pews with dark wood trim are visible. In the background, a red carpeted area contains a wooden pulpit with a cross on top, a black grand piano, and a stone altar area. The text "Take good care of God's people, especially when they're suffering" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

Take good care of God's
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A photograph of an empty church interior. In the foreground, several rows of white wooden pews with dark wood tops are visible. In the background, a red carpeted stage area contains a black grand piano on the left, a wooden pulpit with a cross on top in the center, and a stone fireplace on the right. The walls are white, and a large window is visible in the background. The overall lighting is soft and even.

Consider whether God
wants you to be a pastor

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the side of the pews. In the background, there is a red-carpeted stage area with a wooden pulpit in the center, a black grand piano to the left, and a stone fireplace mantel to the right. The foreground and middle ground are filled with rows of white wooden pews with dark wood trim. The text "Pray for and follow your pastors" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**Pray for and follow
your pastors**