




DOORS

IN THE LIFE OF FAITH

Door (n.)

- *Lit.*, a moveable barrier for opening and closing an entrance
- *Fig.*, that which separates an outer world of darkness and danger from an inner sanctum of hospitality and security

A large wooden replica of Noah's Ark is built on a rocky, grassy hillside. The structure is made of light-colored wood and has a dark, narrow doorway. A wooden ramp leads to the door. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font with a drop shadow.

“Strive to enter
through the
NARROW DOOR!”
(Lk. 13:24)

When is a door not a door?

John 10:1-3

1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

John 10:4-6

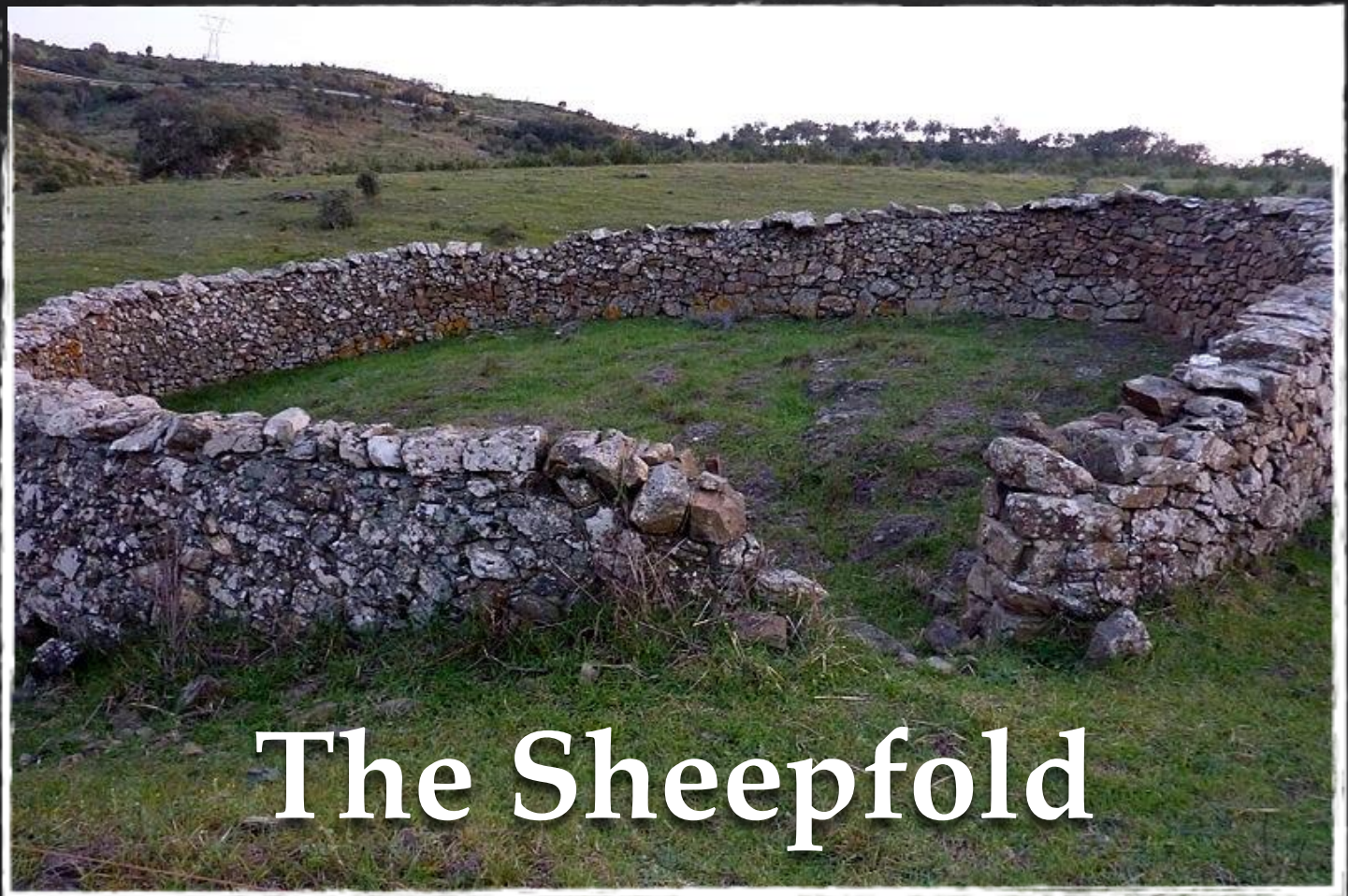
4 “When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

John 10:7-9

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”

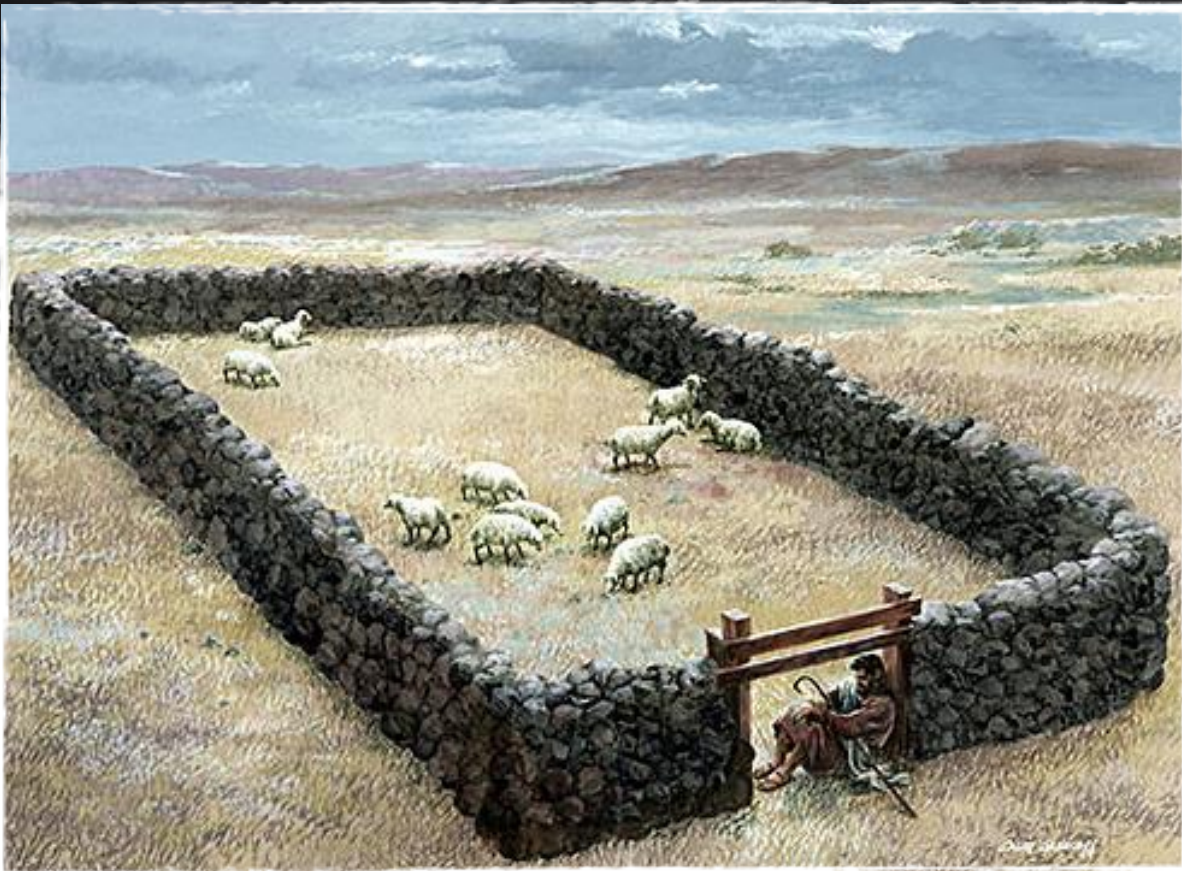
John 10:10-11

10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

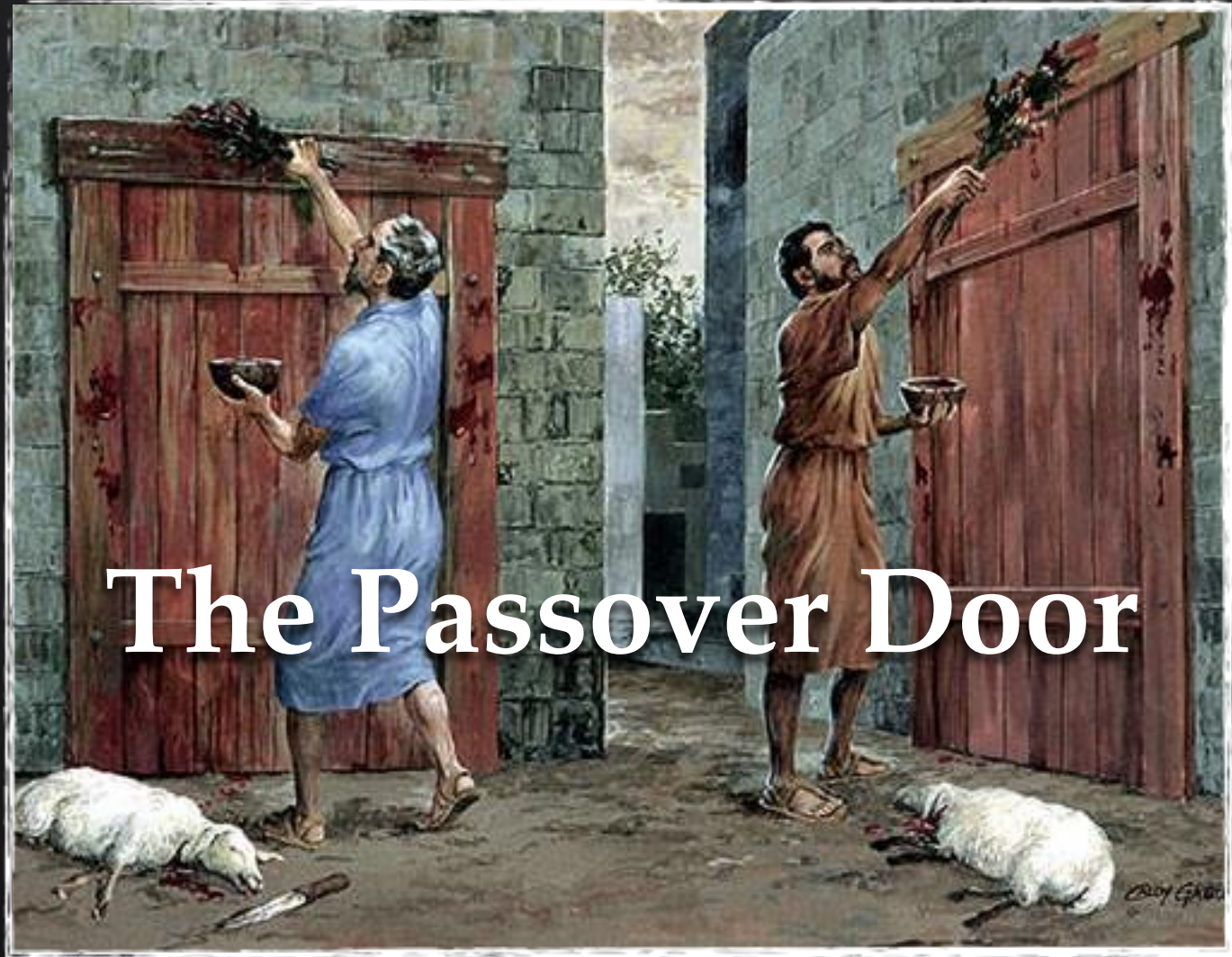


The Sheepfold

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)



"I am the Door."



The Passover Door

Exodus 12:1, 3, 5

1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt... 3 “Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household... 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old.”

Exodus 12:5-7

5 ...”You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.”

Exodus 12:8, 11

8 “They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it... 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s *pesach* [His protective sacrifice].”

Exodus 12:12-13

12 “For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are.”

Exodus 12:13

13 ...“And when I see the blood, I will *pasach* [spare/protect] you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.”

“For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.” (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.



“I am the Door
of the sheep.”



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Worship!

Abide!

Remember!