



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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**Living Faith Chapel, Calgary
(Solution Center)**

BE ATTENTIVE

Welcome to another time in the presence of the Lord. It is always wonderful to be in the presence of the Lord. It is always a good thing to be in the presence of the Lord. ***“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.”*** (Psalm 95:2). Bless the name of the Lord for the Lord is good towards you. You are alive and well this morning. Enter His gates with thanksgiving. Enter His gates with praise. Tell him how wonderful He is. Tell Him you appreciate His presence in your life. Tell Him you appreciate His constant faithfulness in your life. He deserves all your praise.

“How God Leads” is our theme for February 2017. It is based on **Romans 8:14**. God surely wants to lead His children. He says ***“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”*** (John 10:11). Our Heavenly Father certainly pays a premium on leading His children aright in every area of life. This is not in doubt as He gave His only begotten Son to be your Shepherd. A Shepherd sacrifices the comfort of his home to be with the sheep in the open to lead them and guide them away from danger.

One symbol that is particularly associated with a shepherd is the shepherd’s rod. The rod is the symbol of the shepherd’s authority. The rod is used to make the sheep fall in line and go along a well-defined path. The sheep that strays from the defined path certainly has a story to tell, for a good shepherd never hesitates to use the rod to bring the errant sheep into line and back to the defined path chosen by the shepherd.

Hence to receive the leading of the Lord, you, as a sheep of the Lord, must be obedient to your Lord and Master, who is your Shepherd. His defined path for you is revealed in His statutes and commandments. His statutes and commandments are not hidden but freely available to you in His word. It takes obedience to receive the leading of the Lord. An act of disobedience to His leading for your life can result in unpalatable consequences for you which you may not enjoy, for He does not hesitate to use His rod to bring you back onto the right path. To know His leading is to ***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*** (2 Timothy 2:15). Studying His word makes you to be alive to His leading for your life. Studying His word gives you light that illuminates your path, that illuminates your journey in life. To know His leading is to draw closer to Him. ***“But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.”*** (Psalm 73:28). When you draw near to Him, you make yourself available to receive instructions from your Shepherd.

Ask your Heavenly Father to help you to be sensitive to Him today and for the rest of your life. He is waiting for you.

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For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. - JOHN 3:17 NIV

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