

## Wednesday Devotional

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Here's another piece of literature from the Nazarene Hymnal:

### Christ Suffered Willingly

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I am the good shepherd,

**The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

I have not been rebellious;

I have not drawn back.

**I offered my back to those who beat me.**

I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

**He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;**

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

**When they hurled their insults at him,  
he did not retaliate;**

When he suffered, he made no threats.  
Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

**I lay down my life—  
only to take it up again.**

I am the good shepherd.

**No one takes my life from me,  
but I lay it down of my own accord.**

Do you think I cannot call on my Father,  
and he will at once put at my disposal  
more than twelve legions of angels?

**But I, when I am lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all men to myself.**

*John 10:11; Isaiah 50:5b-6; 53:7; 1 Peter 2:23;  
John 10:17b, 11, 18a; Matthew 26:53; John 12:32*