

**PG:** "A Pastor is not a title, it is a function" ... You are a shepherd... A shepherd leads a flock.

So where are you leading your congregation? How will you get there?

PG taught me "The role of a Pastor is to Preach, Teach, Prepare" ... I want to look at each of these with you.

**Exodus 4:12 (ESV)** Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

### **I PREACH:**

**A-** The first role of a Pastor is PREACHING-

1. To preach carries the idea of a *Herald*... one who declares the king's message.
  - a. **V12** Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak
    - i. Moses went with a declaration, a Proclamation, a herald with the king's message: LET MY PEOPLE GO, and the power of God was demonstrated.
2. Same is true for us: We declare the Gospel.
  - a. PWM said: We Declare and Demonstrate the power of God...
    - i. Not explaining, or trying to make intellectual understanding, or Sharing casually... We PREACH.
  - b. **2 Tim 4:2 Preach** the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching... Preach here means: Declare, Proclaim, Herald the word.
3. PG taught us Preaching levels for Altar calls-
  - a. Conversational level, Illustration level, Declaration level.
4. Preaching is supernatural: **Rom 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
  - i. Preaching needs to come from the word... PG has said, and it's true of my ministry experience that Sermons come from my bible reading... by the word of God.

### **II TEACH:**

**A-** The second role of a pastor is to TEACH;

1. We need to teach the truth of Sound Doctrine.
  - a. **V12** I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak...
    - i. This started with Let my people go... but would eventually teach the Levitical Law... and the practice of true worship!
2. Our doctrinal teaching comes from the Bible...
  - a. **2 Tim 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...
    - i. From the Bible we bring doctrinal teaching
    - ii. **Rom 15:4** For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction...
3. So; What does this look like?
  - a. Bible Studies, Sunday schools, New Converts Class, Questions, Counseling, Discipline...
  - b. We teach Sound Doctrine of the word of God, not adding to or taking away.

### **III PREPARE:**

**A-** As a shepherd you prepare the people for where you are going as a church-

1. As Moses goes into Egypt, he prepares them for *Exodus*, in the desert he prepares them for the promised land-
  - a. There is always the next chapter-
2. So, what does this mean for us?
  - a. First; you have to know where you are heading... This is VISION-
    - i. What is the next big step? Vows of Exampleship? Sunday school? Concert Ministry? Church Plant? Building Project?
  - b. Second: You have to consider Is the church ready for this? **Prov 27:23** Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds;
    - i. Are they ready? Is it the right time? Will this hurt in some way?
    - ii. You need Wisdom; *What to do, When to do, How to do-*
  - c. Lastly: How do we get there? How do we bridge from where we are to where we want to be-
    - i. You have to talk about it... Through discipleship, through preaching, through teaching
    - ii. I had a Pastor ask me one time: *How do you get your guys to...* I talk to them about it! I prepare them for it... I let them know my expectations...

**B-** So; All this requires you to THINK-

1. Think about where the church is, Where do we want to go, and How will we get there?
2. The shepherd guides the flock through these 3 avenues.