

# The Lakeside



## Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday March 11, 2024 - 2 Chronicles 7:14

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Read II Chronicles 7 for meditation and inspiration.



## ***SHEEP NEED THE GOOD SHEPHERD***

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

Talk about a bad hair day (or should I say baa'd hair day), a sheep in Melbourne, Australia recently received a much-needed shearing after rescuers found the abandoned animal with more than 75 pounds of wool weighing it down. Not surprisingly, before and after video of the celebrity sheep received more than 18 million views online.

Despite the heavy fleece, the animal was actually underweight after being sheared. As any good shepherd would be, one rescuer was delighted with the outcome saying, "He is doing so well today, surprising us and becoming more trusting too. We truly believe that he understands that what we have done for him has eased his burden and changed it for the better."

Few things are more dependent than sheep. We may like to think of ourselves as being as clever as a fox, as strong as a horse, as wise as an owl, but it is very humbling to hear our Lord refer to us as sheep. Sheep are dumb animals, as far as most domestic animals go. They are very skittish and run away at any unfamiliar sound, animal, or person. But once they get to know you, they are very, very

dependent creatures needing to be led to water and given good grass to graze and protection from potential attacks by scavengers or thieves. Sheep need and depend upon a “Good Shepherd” and so do we.

From one sheep to another,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

Roger