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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

Saving Connectivity ~ March 8, 2017

Jesus has a lock on us that's stronger than the US Army!

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During a training exercise in southern Arizona, the Army launched a 450-pound unmanned surveillance aircraft. Almost immediately the drone lost connectivity to ground control. Then the drone's "emergency return programming" system failed. With a nine-hour fuel supply along with a 20-foot wing span catching the wind, the lost drone raced away at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

Ten days after it went rogue, a hiker spotted it, mangled in a tree. The Army has no idea how it lost control of the \$1.5 million drone, nor how it managed to fly 630 miles before crash landing near Denver, Colorado.

Good thing we don't have the Army protecting you and me, that is, in our spiritual walk of faith. We need something bigger and better than the Army! And we have in it a shepherd. Jesus is this shepherd. He's our Good Shepherd.

We sheep have an inborn craving to go rogue, to "go astray" and "turn to our own way" (Isaiah 53:6). Our sinful flesh also has a very wide wing span that easily rides the winds of temptation. The Army at first hoped that the "emergency return" software would kick in, but there's no such hope with us sheep. Once we "go astray" we have the capability of straying all the way to hell.

The Army doesn't know what went wrong with the drone. How different the Good Shepherd who knows each of us sheep intimately, "**just as the Father knows me and I know the Father**" explained Jesus (John 10:14-15). Further, because Jesus spilled his sin-cleansing blood for us at the cross, he promises that nothing can separate us from his love. In fact, Jesus assures us that he has an unailing lock on us: "**no one can snatch you out of my hand. My Father, who has given you to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch you out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one**" (John 10:28-30).

As you do, I love our Army and pray that God makes them the best military force in the world. But the Army can't do for us what Jesus does. It's frightful to know that a common temptation can suddenly lead us astray, cut off our connectivity with God, and carry us to a crash landing in hell. But take heart! Even though we are sheep who go astray, never, no never, can we stray beyond the saving connectivity of the Good Shepherd. ☩

Learn more about the power of temptation and defeating it. [Click here for the 3/5/2017 "Defeating Temptation" sermon](#) (available in audio and video formats).

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

