

Strike the  
Shepherd,  
Scatter the  
Sheep

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “ ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’  
<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

Matthew 26:31-32 (NIV)

# Strike the Point Person, Scatter the Rest

If the Enemy Can Deal A Blow to the Point Person He Impacts the Rest by Leaving:

1. No Unity
2. No Covering
3. No Blessing

## **Strike:** Pataxo

- To strike a heavy blow and inflict significant damage, sometimes fatally.
- Same root word as “suffering”

## **Scatter:** Diaskorpizo

- To cause a dreadful disorder, to disperse, disband, and cause division and confusion.

**The only way to deal with the enemy's blows is to stay Privately Healthy:**

1. Anchored in God
2. Guided by God
3. Living for God
4. Growing in God

**Be Aware**

## Fall Away: Skandalizo

- To entrap, to trip up by some trick
- The root word meant “the bait in the trap”; the stick onto which the animal was lured and which snapped the trap when the animal was on it

# **You've Been Struck a Blow from the Enemy If:**

1. Your Spiritual Values Have Shifted from the Rock
2. You've Cancelled Brothers and Sisters in Christ
3. You're Isolated from the Body



For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:  
Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,  
but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in  
accordance with the faith God has distributed to each  
of you.

Romans 12:3 (NIV)

“Christians have a need of inspecting and repairing  
their graces.”

*William Gurnall, The Christian in Complete Armor*

“It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds: in reality our best work is done by keeping things out.”

- *Wormwood the Demon to His Subordinate in C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters*

Be

Merciful

“Be curious, not judgmental.”

*Walt Whitman*



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**If we can't repent for the ugliness in our own hearts, we can't pray for the ugliness in our nation.**



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it became risky.”

- C.S. Lewis, *The  
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