

Born to Wander!
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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
John 10:11

I'm pretty sure I inherited my "wandering" trait from my dad. Set me outside in the woods, on the beach, or anywhere there is room to roam, and I could "wander" forever. My "Born to Wander" personality allows me to explore and admire God's beautiful creation. As long as I don't wander too far off the trail, I'm generally pretty good at finding my way back.

There's another way in which I was "Born to Wander" that leads me down a dangerous, dark, and even deadly path. As a sinner I am prone to wander, prone to leave the God I love (Bonus points if you can name the hymn from which I stole that last line). He is the God who loves me, created me, and redeemed me. But I often desire to follow my own trails instead of trusting, following, and listening to the Good Shepherd.

But thanks be to God that HE IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD! He comes after his wandering sheep. He gathers them up, feeds them, forgives them, and lays down his life for them. Maybe you feel like you've "wandered" a little too far off the trail and can't find your way back home. Here's the Gospel: If the Good Shepherd can find me, He will have no problem finding you. In fact, He has found you. God calls us to remember our Baptism where we were born again not to wander, but to be led, fed, and forgiven by the Good Shepherd!