

This bachelor thesis deals with the biblical figure of a shepherd in the selected biblical texts, which serves as inspiration for the profession of pastoral and social workers. This thesis is divided into four parts. The first part briefly describes the history of pastoral and social work and outlines its basic concepts. The second part generally deals with the basic characteristics of a shepherd in the biblical times and herewith approaches the original meaning of this metaphor. The third part contains the figure of the shepherd discussed from a Christian perspective according to two biblical passages. The first one is Psalm 23, where the Lord is rendered as the shepherd who gives certainty in all aspects, immense care and peace. The second text is an analysis of the parable of the shepherd Luke 15,1-7 with the image of the shepherd who searches for the lost sheep., the shepherd is presented here as extremely dedicated, caring and sensitive. The fourth of these thesis show inspiration of these biblical texts and possible application for pastoral and social workers.