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Jeremiah 31:7-14

They sat at the table with grandchildren. The puzzle had been properly emptied from the box and all the pieces turned up so that the artwork could be seen. Carefully, they began the process of trying to find the corners and then the edges in order to frame the project before working on the center. All went well until the three-year-old approached the table, climbed up on a chair, and, with one swoop of her tiny arm, sent pieces flying across the room. Sadly, when the puzzle was finally finished, there were several key pieces missing.

Jeremiah 31:10 says that God scatters and gathers. However, unlike the grandchild, He scatters for a reason. The Israelites were God's flock. In their disobedience, they had forgotten about Him, and, as a result, He "scattered" them. Ah, but when the time came for them to be gathered again, He knew where the "pieces" were!

The church today often seems scattered. We are different in name, in doctrine, in worship style. Yet, the Shepherd knows where all the pieces are, and He truly does watch over His flock.

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