

Jesus called Himself the “Good Shepherd,” the One who laid down His life for the sheep. In the same way, pastors follow Christ’s example, serving others with humility, love and sacrifice. Serving is a daily way of laying down one’s life. And through these selfless actions, God’s love – which fuels a pastor’s heart in all they are called to do – is made visible to others.

A good shepherd protects and provides for the flock, even at great personal cost. Pastor Hassan did just that. In a place where hope seemed absent, the Lord used him in surprising ways – reaching the lost behind cold prison walls and preparing him for even greater ministry.

Do you think the Lord could be preparing your heart to serve others one day – perhaps even as a pastor?

## Reading Between the Lines

### Comprehension Questions

#### 1. Remembering Details

Who was taken away by the uniformed men?

**Pastor Hassan Taour**

Where was Pastor Hassan taken?

**He was taken to prison**

What did Pastor Hassan do while he was in prison?

**He helped the other prisoners**

#### 2. Understanding the Story

Why did Pastor Hassan believe God was preparing him?

**He saw persecution happening around him**

How did Pastor Hassan help others while he was in prison?

**He shared the Word of God with them**

### Vocabulary Matching

Match each word to its meaning.

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| 1. Whispered   | a) A spiritual leader who teaches and guides a church         |
| 2. Pastor      | b) People who watch something happen                          |
| 3. Detained    | c) Spoke very quietly                                         |
| 4. Persecution | d) The act of treating someone badly because of their beliefs |
| 5. Bystanders  | e) Held or kept by force                                      |