

Hearing the One Who Cares

Behold and Become

The Good Shepherd

- **Sacrifices His Life for the Sheep**
- **Knows His Sheep**
- **His Sheep Listen to His Voice**
- **He Gives Eternal Life**
- **He is One with the Father**

John 10:11-30

The Good Shepherd

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

12 A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.

13 The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,

15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

17 “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.

18 No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

19 When he said these things, the people were again divided in their opinions about him.

20 Some said, “He’s demon possessed and out of his mind. Why listen to a man like that?”

21 Others said, “This doesn’t sound like a man possessed by a demon! Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

22 It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication.

23 He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon’s Colonnade.

24 The people surrounded him and asked, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus replied, “I have already told you, and you don’t believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father’s name.

26 But you don’t believe me because you are not my sheep.

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one." John 10:11-30 (NLT2)

The Hired Hand

- Runs when the wolf comes
- Abandons the sheep because they don't belong to him
- Doesn't care for the sheep just money

The Powerful Relationship Model

- Jesus knows the Father and the Father knows Jesus
- Jesus does what the Father has commanded
- Jesus works in his Father's name
- Jesus and the Father are one

Jesus' Relationship with His People

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15 (NLT2)

Listening to Jesus' Voice

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (NLT2)

How to Listen

- Get close
- Be alert
- Have trust
- Follow him

7 Ways Jesus Communicates

- The Bible
- Spiritual teachers

- Spirit-led counsel
- Guidance by the Holy Spirit
- Audible voice (internal or external)
- Creation
- Circumstances (history or current)

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