



Listening to God's Voice | John 10:1-15

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“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father— and I lay down my life for the sheep.







# 3 Pre-requisites to Listen to God

1. We must be **Surrendered** to God and be open to his Leading
  - Luke 22:42 “ Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

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**2. We must believe that He cares** about every little details of our lives

- Matthew 10:29-31.<sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

- **GOD IS LOVE!**

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### 3. We must believe **God wants to answer** your Questions!

- James 1:5-6 “<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

# HOW TO LISTEN TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

## •Habakkuk 2:1-2

*I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this  
complaint.*

*2 Then the LORD replied:*

*“Write down the revelation  
and make it plain on tablets  
so that a herald may run with it.*

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## •Habakkuk 2:1-2

1. **WITHDRAW** to a Quiet Place.
2. **WAIT** and Sit in Silence.
3. **READ** the Word of God.
4. **WRITE** out your Prayers.
5. **REFLECT**, test, and Share.

Where are you with God today?

Jesus Knew **DEEP INTIMACY**  
with the Father.

- (John 5:16-20, Luke 11:1-3)

Jesus also knew what it means  
to be **CUT OFF** from God.

- (Matthew 27:46)