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Listen To You

Here I am Lord. I have taken time to stop. I have withdrawn from the noise and busyness of my life. I have left the hustle and bustle behind. I have quieted myself before you. I am here at your feet. I am ready to listen. I don't want to miss a word that you have to say to me. You have my complete attention. My heart and mind and life are focused on you. Speak to me, I'm here with my heart filled with desire to listen to you. **That is very good.**

What brought you to this place? Why are you so eager to hear from me? What has filled your heart with desire to listen to me? You brought me to this place. You made it possible for me to come to you. I was like a lost and lonely wandering sheep. I was bruised and battered and broken by life. I was lost on a path that was leading away from you. But, you sought me out. You pursued me. You would not let me go. You rescued me from a life without you. In your presence, you restored my soul. You have refreshed and revived my life. You healed my bruised and battered and broken life. There is however something even better than that. **Like what?** In moments of quietness you have made it so I could come to know you. You brought me to a place where I could drink deeply of your kindness, mercy and love. You allowed me to taste of your goodness. I now love you because you first loved me. You have made it so I could know your will and walk in your ways. Now, I want to live each moment of my life with and for you. There is no place I would rather be than in your presence. There is nothing I would rather do than follow and serve you. **That is very good.**

So, I keep coming back to this place so I can listen to you. In your presence, I want to be changed. I want you to mold and shape my life. I want you to make me to be like you. I want to go where you went. I want to do what you did. I want to give like you gave. I want to serve like you served. I want to love like you loved. Use my life to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. Guide and guard my life as I love, follow and serve you. These are my prayers. **Those are very good prayers.** I have probably done enough talking. Speak to me Lord, I am listening. **That is very good.**

Lord, you are my Good Shepherd. You take care of me. You lead me to where I need to go. You laid down your life for me and made it possible for me to know you. Your voice speaks to me. It is my delight to listen and follow you. Amen

Guidance*Listen To My Voice*

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

NIV

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Listen To My Voice*

"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. 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.

NLT

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Listen To My Voice*

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

NRSV

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Listen To My Voice*

I am the Good Shepherd; and I know and recognize My own, and My own know and recognize Me— Even as [truly as] the Father knows Me and I also know the Father—and I am giving My [very own] life and laying it down on behalf of the sheep. And I have other sheep [beside these] that are not of this fold. I must bring and impel those also; and they will listen to My voice and heed My call, and so there will be [they will become] one flock under one Shepherd.

AMP

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Hear My Voice*

"I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

NASB

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Listen To My Voice*

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

ESV

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Will Hear My Voice*

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

NKJV

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Recognize My Voice*

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. In the same way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself if necessary. You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They'll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd.

MSG

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Heed My Voice*

"I am the Good Shepherd and know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, too, in another fold. I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice; and there will be one flock with one Shepherd.

TLB

John 10:14-16

Guidance*Listen To My Voice*

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, as the Father knows me. And my sheep know me, as I know the Father. I give my life for the sheep. [see verse 14] I have other sheep that are not in this flock, and I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

NCV

John 10:14-16

Listen To My Voice

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Guidance – John 10:14-16

In Context: *Read John 10*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What was the Good Shepherd willing to do for you?

How intimately does the Good Shepherd know and love you?

How amazing is it that the Good Shepherd knows you completely and still loves you totally?

When do you stop, sit, and wait to listen for your Good Shepherd's voice to speak to you?

What will attempt to block the Good Shepherd's voice from ever reaching your ears?

How does the Good Shepherd's voice speak to you so that you can know him?

What has the Good Shepherd been showing and teaching you as you have listened to Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Set aside time so that you can stop, sit, and wait to listen to the Good Shepherd's voice and be taught by Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Good Shepherd is calling you to come to stop, sit, and wait to listen to His voice.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are listening to the Lord's voice so that you can know Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you stop, sit, and wait to listen to the voice of your Good Shepherd speaking to you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will stop, sit and wait to listen to you speaking to me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want to say to me as I stop to sit and wait to listen to you?
