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Your Voice

I feel like I am in training. **How so? What training do you need to receive?** I want and need to be able to hear your voice. Hearing your voice does not come naturally to me. It is not easy for me to hear your voice. **Why is that?** The world is a noisy place. Often times, I have been a busy person. The noise of the world and the busyness of my life have often made me hard of hearing. But I have no doubt about one thing. **What's that?** You will speak to me. You want me to be able to hear your voice. **Yes, I do want you to hear my voice. What will hearing my voice do for you?** Hearing your voice will help me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. **That's true, what else?** Hearing your voice will help me to know and do your will. You will use your voice to guard and guide my life. Your voice will lead me to where you want me to go and give me what you want me to do. **That is also correct.**

What will you do if you want to hear my voice? I will do four things. I will go to a quiet place. I will leave the noisy world behind me. In a quiet place, I will also quiet myself before you. It will do no good to leave the noisy world behind if my heart and mind are racing and filled with noise within me. So, a quiet place and a quiet me are absolutely required if I want to hear from you. **That is true. You might have noticed that I often withdrew to a quiet place to meet with my Heavenly Father.** Yes, I did notice. I want to be like you. I will follow your example. **That is very good. You have mentioned two things you will do so that you can hear my voice. What are the remaining two?** I will meet with you in your word. **Why is that critically important?** There are a lot of voices in the world. I need to guard my heart and mind and life from deceptive voices. You will always speak to me in ways that are consistent with your word. Your word will help me to recognize your voice. Oftentimes, your voice will simply apply your word to my life in very specific ways. **Is that the voice of experience?** Yes, it is. **That's good. You are growing. You are learning. What else do you need to do if you want to hear my voice?** I need to obey your voice. I need to go and do what you ask of me. If I am unwilling to obey your voice, there would be no point in you speaking to me or me listening to you. So, I will listen attentively to your voice so I that can hear and follow and obey you. **That will be very good.**

Lord, thank you for being my Good Shepherd. I am one of your sheep. You know me intimately. Help me to hear and recognize your voice. I want to come to know and love and follow and serve you. I will go where you guide me and do what you ask of me. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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

Becoming Like Christ *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 _____

Becoming Like Christ – 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)*

How encouraging is it to you that the Lord knows your name and everything about you?

Why can you be absolutely certain that the Lord's voice will guide you through life?

How are you making it your plan to listen attentively to the Lord's voice so you can know Him and do His will?

When has the Lord led you somewhere unusual to do what is something uncomfortable?

When have you stopped to wait to receive instructions and guidance from the Lord?

Why will the voice of the Lord never be in consistent with His written word?

How has God's written word helped you to recognize the Lord's voice speaking to you?

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

Listen attentively to the Lord's voice so He can guide you through life.

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

Have faith that the Lord will guide your life as you listen to Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group you are listening to the Lord's voice guide you through life.

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?

Horizontal lines for writing.

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Horizontal lines for writing.

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you listen to the voice of the Lord so you can follow Him.

Horizontal lines for writing.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will listen to your voice so I can I follow you.

Horizontal lines for writing.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

Horizontal lines for writing.

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, where will you lead me today as I listen to your voice.

Horizontal lines for writing.