

Hearing the Shepherds Voice

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[John 10:14-18, 27-28](#)

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. 16 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. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." 19-26... 27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

We hear and discern God's voice when we...

1. MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS

[Deuteronomy 5:7](#)

"You shall have no other gods before me."

2. LEAN INTO THE SHEPHERD

[Hebrews 11:6b](#)

... [God] rewards those who earnestly seek him.

[Psalms 119:105](#)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

3. FOLLOW THROUGH

[John 10:27](#)

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

[James 1:22](#)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.