



Learn to Hear the Voice of Your Shephard

Scripture: *“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. When he has brought out all of his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”* John 10:3-5, 27

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

Jesus Is Speaking to You

As you continue following Jesus, you'll begin to notice something beautiful.
He is not a distant Savior.
He is your Shepherd.

A shepherd doesn't simply point the way and leave his sheep to find the path alone.
He walks before them.
He calls them by name.
He leads them with care.
Understand, Jesus desires that kind of relationship with you.
He isn't inviting you to follow a set of rules.
He is inviting you to know His voice.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

Jesus said, **“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”**
Notice the order.
First, He knows you.
Then you learn to recognize His voice.
Then you follow Him.

As you spend time with Jesus through His Word and in prayer, your heart becomes increasingly familiar with His character.
You begin to recognize what reflects His truth, His love, His holiness, and His peace.

The Holy Spirit faithfully uses the Scriptures to shape your heart and help you discern the Shepherd's leading.
Understand, the more you abide in Christ, the more naturally you recognize the voice of the One who loves you.



A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that hearing Jesus is only for a few spiritually mature people.
Or maybe you've become discouraged because you've wondered if you'll ever recognize His leading.

Now, don't miss this, Jesus never said only a few sheep would know His voice.
He said, **"My sheep hear My voice."**

Learning to recognize your Shepherd's voice is part of growing as His disciple.
Like every relationship, it grows stronger as you spend time together.
You don't become familiar with His voice overnight.
You become familiar with Him by walking with Him.

What Difference Does This Make?

Everything changes when you begin listening for the voice of your Shepherd.
Fear no longer has to direct your decisions.
Confusion no longer has the final word.
You begin measuring every voice you hear by the truth of God's Word.

As you continue abiding in Christ,
His peace begins guarding your heart.
His wisdom shapes your decisions.
His love transforms the way you treat others.

Over time, following Jesus becomes more than an occasional decision.
Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle.
You begin to recognize His voice because you've learned to enjoy His presence.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

Before making decisions today, pause for a moment.
Open your Bible.
Spend time in prayer.
Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand and apply God's Word faithfully to your life.
Then ask Jesus, **"Lord, what are You teaching me today through Your Word?"**

Don't rush.
The Shepherd is never in a hurry with His sheep.
The more time you spend with Him, the more your confidence will rest, not in your own understanding, but in His faithful leadership.



A Prayer

Father, thank You for sending Jesus, my Good Shepherd.
Thank You that He knows me by name and faithfully leads me.
Give me a heart that delights in Your Word.
Help me recognize the voice of my Shepherd by growing in the knowledge of Your truth.

By Your Holy Spirit, shape my heart so that I will joyfully follow Jesus wherever He leads.
May my life increasingly reflect His character and His love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

An Invitation

Before you continue with your day, find a place where you can be alone with the Lord.
Read today's Scriptures slowly.
Don't read simply to finish a passage.
Read to spend time with Jesus.
Then quietly ask, **"Jesus, what are You showing me about Yourself today?"**

Stay with Him.
Listen carefully.
Let His Word fill your heart.
As you continue walking with Christ, you'll discover that recognizing the Shepherd's voice isn't about searching for something mysterious.
It's about becoming so familiar with Jesus that His truth, revealed in Scripture, becomes the voice you most desire to follow.

And as Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, you'll find yourself walking with greater confidence, greater peace, and greater joy because you're learning to follow the One who will never lead you astray.