

Wednesday Word 9/2/2026

John 10:27-28 *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*

When I was growing up my family had a tradition of joining other families in a trip up to the mountains to cut down a Christmas tree each year. Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider, red licorice and home-made brownies always accompanied us. It was a fun time to spend with my family and friends.

One year my best friend, John Hodges, and I decided to break off from the tree hunting group and have our own adventure. We went up and down a few hills and realized that, with all the snow, we could not find our way back. After a few minutes we could hear our dads calling out for us. It was getting later in the day, so the sun was starting to set. John and I agreed it would be best to not get caught and sneak back to our vans (we did not know the way). WE could continually hear our dads yelling for us and we went in the opposite direction hoping to find our camp and pretend we had been there the whole time (pre-teen boys' brains don't work very well). After a while our dads caught up to us and let's just say had a thing or two to say to us and. Well, we deserved it. We strapped our trees to our vehicles, made our way down the mountain and went to local tree stands from that year on.

Had John and I just went out to meet our dads none of our "troubles" would have happened.

It can be the same thing with the voice of the Holy Spirit. We hear him call, lead, correct, and comfort but many times we ignore his voice or even pretend we don't hear him. Every time we do this it always leads to spiritual "trouble" or even physical "trouble. We need to learn to set down our own ways or our own "old ways" and surrender and heed the voice of the Holy Spirit of God leading us into a new day, a new promise, and a regeneration of our faith in him.

Let's tune our spiritual ears to both listen and obey his voice!

I love you and God loves you!

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