

What's your I am? – Part 5 "The Good Shepherd"

> Message by Pastor Harv Lyon February 5, 2023

"I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. – John 10:7-8

*(My) sheep listen to (my) voice. – John 10:3b

*(I) call (my) own sheep by name and lead them out.- John 10:4a

*(My) sheep follow (me) because they know (my) voice. – John 10:4b

*They do not recognize a stranger's voice – John 10:5b

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

"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.

"The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded." – John 10:11-18

Shepherding describes the way that God calls us to steward <u>authority</u> and <u>power</u> for the sake of His children.

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"He was in the world and the world came into being through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, but His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power (authority) to become children of God." – John 1:10-12

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Jesus is calling us in this passage to assume our role of shepherding.

1. Hear His Call. "My sheep know my voice."- Jesus

2. Answer His Call. "My sheep follow me, because they listen to my voice." - Jesus

3. We need to <u>Respond</u> to His Call.

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*How has God called me to steward the authority He has given me for the lost sheep that need to be found?

*How has God called me to steward the authority He has given me for the people of God?

Upcoming Church Events

February 7th – PALS Manatee Viewing Center February 11th – Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance (5:00-7:00PM) February 18th – 24th – Rebuild Mission Trip to Ft. Myers February 19th – PALS Sponsored Sing-Along (following service) Everyone invited February 25th – Youth Car Wash Fundraiser @ 7-Eleven at 54 & 41 (Times TBD) April 28th-29th – Biblical Theology Workshop for Women

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- 2. Answer His Call
- 1. Hear His Call

Assume our Role

Authority and Power

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