Sunday –November 16, 2025 New Series: "Speak Up but Don't Shout"



Theme: Even in the noise and confusion of life, God still speaks.

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

The Shepherd's Voice Is	
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"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out" (John 10: 3).

- God doesn't speak in generalities; He speaks personally.
- The closer you walk with Him, the more familiar His voice becomes.

Key Truth: You recognize God's voice best when you spend time close enough to hear it.

2. The Shepherd's Voice Brings ______, Not _____ "The sheep run away from a stranger because they do not recognize a stranger's voice" (John 10: 5).

• The Shepherd's voice draws you close; the stranger's voice drives you away.

Key Truth: If what you're hearing pulls you from God's presence, it's not His voice.

3. The She	pherd's \	oice Leads	to	

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10: 10)

- Every other voice promises life; only Jesus delivers it.
- His way is always better, even when it isn't easier.

Key Truth: Following God's voice leads to a flourishing life.

4. The Shepherd's Voice Is ______in ____

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me" (John 10: 14).

- Hearing God isn't about a method—it's about mutual knowing.
- Relationship leads to recognition.

Key Truth: You don't need caller ID when you know the Caller.

5. The Shepherd's Voice Is _____ and ____

"No one can snatch them out of my hand" (John 10: 28).

- Even when I wander, His voice still calls me back.
- Even when you fail, His voice still invites me home. Luke 15:11- Prodigal Son was not tuned away

Key Truth: God's voice doesn't fade with failure—it follows me with grace.

Summary: Four Practices for Hearing God's Voice

- 1. Be Still Make space in your day to quiet the noise.
- 2. Be in Scripture God's written Word tunes your ear to His spoken Word.
- 3. Be Obedient The more you respond, the clearer His voice becomes.
- 4. Be in Community God often speaks through others who walk with Him.

This time tomorrow.....

- 1. Read John 10:27 again. What does it mean to you that God "knows" you and still invites you to follow Him right now?
- 2. What "voice" in my life is competing with God's?
- 3. How do I personally distinguish between God's voice and my own thoughts or emotions?
- 4. What step could you take this week to make more space to listen?
- 5. Who in my life helps me recognize or confirm what God may be saying?