
I AM

Week 4 – I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I AM
[ego eimi]

I...exist
I...happen
I...am...present

John 10:1-6

¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ 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. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

We have to **KNOW** him to recognize His voice.

John 10:7-11

*⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

To be known is to be **LOVED**.

To be loved is to be **KNOWN**.

John 10:14-18

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.”

John 15:13
¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

SO WHAT?

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PROVISION

RESTORATION

HEALING

GUIDANCE

COURAGE

PROTECTION

PRESENCE

BLESSING

HONOR

LOVE

How will you **TUNE** your heart to hear His voice?

NOTES:

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“God has not abandoned us any more than he abandoned Job. He never abandons anyone on whom he has set his love; nor does Christ, the good shepherd, ever lose track of his sheep.”

— J. I. Packer



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

**Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. Thank you for loving me!
In Your name, Amen.**

For Further Reflection:

:: Identify one thing the Lord has been teaching/re-teaching you through the “I AM” series. Which I AM statement has most resonated for you? Why?

:: Reread/Review John 10:7-18.

:: Where have you seen the enemy work in your life to steal, kill and destroy? How do you remain vigilant in the spiritual battle?

:: What is the significance of Jesus being the only gate that can be entered for salvation? How do you share this truth with others who may believe that there are many gates to ‘salvation’?

:: Discuss some of the implications of Jesus’ radical love displayed in the crucifixion.

:: How does this impact how you view Jesus’ command to love each other as He has loved us?

:: What word from Psalm 23 represents a promise for you as Jesus demonstrates His presence as The Good Shepherd in your life? Why is this meaningful?

:: What do you need to change in your life so that you can be completely tuned into Jesus’ voice? What practices are you utilizing in your life to know Him more?

:: Identify one person you can ask to pray for you as you step out and do that.

:: As you continue to prepare your heart for Easter, prayerfully ask Holy Spirit to show you who you should invite to encounter the I AM on Easter weekend!

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