From the first words of John 10, Jesus is portrayed as the Shepherd. The Shepherd spoke and the sheep began to follow. Many sheep went to great lengths and hardships just to hear Him speak, to get a glimpse of Him, to touch His garment, or to stand in His shadow. He is the gate that all sheep enter by. This same Shepherd was slaughtered by design, rose again on the third day, and ascended to the Father in heaven. When Jesus ascended, His spirit descended so that we might not be alone. Now, no matter who you are or where you are, you have access to the Shepherd at all times. He continues to call sheep, like you and me, to spread His message.

I was one of the sheep the Shepherd talked to in a very strange way. When I was eleven years old, I lost my father whom I adored. He was my rock, my stronghold. But after years of not having my dad’s arms to hug me or being able to sit in his lap, I found another father, my heavenly Father. When I get in my prayer closet, I can feel His presence and His loving arms around me. He has given me this sweet, sweet Spirit that seems to be with me each day of my life. I have followed this Shepherd through all the doors He has put in my path, and when I think I am alone, I am reminded to be still and hear His voice that He has not forsaken me.

Life Question: Have you heard the voice of the Shepherd?

Prayer: Lord, I pray that I will be quiet long enough to hear your voice when you speak, and to follow your instructions so that Your Will may be done and not my will. Amen.

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