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APR 8/9

Title: “Counting Sheep”

Text: John 10:11-28

Background: The language of sheep and the shepherd is used by the Apostle John over **30** times in his writings to the early church. The word “sheep” is referenced over **300** times in Scripture, all the while depicting a guiding relationship between God and his people, leading us to know our worth and value.

Application: He Owns versus Uses

III. The Call of the Shepherd: *“My sheep hear my voice, and I **KNOW** them, and they follow me” (vs. 27)*

The word for “know” speaks of more than being familiar, it is being family:

- He knows your Name
- He knows your Need
- He knows your Nature

Application: He Knows versus Ignores

IV. The Comfort of the Shepherd: *“I give them eternal life, and they will **NEVER** perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand” (vs. 28)*

The assurance of eternal life is found in the two words for “give” and “snatch”:

- To Grant: To transfer possession of
- To Guard: To protect possession of

Application: He Seals versus Releases

I. The Contrast between Shepherds: *“I Am the **GOOD** Shepherd” (vs. 11)*



Two words used for “good” in the New Testament:

- *Agathos* - the moral quality of the subject or thing.
- *Kalos* - the value, truth, and beauty, in character and service.

Application: He Leads versus Drives

II. The Conviction of the Shepherd: *“lays down his life **FOR** the sheep” (vs. 11)*

The Perfect Preposition: The words “For” or “huper” in the Greek language reveals the death of Jesus was: *Willingly, Sacrificially, and Triumphantly*



Quote Worth Sharing: “In the Old Testament the sheep died for the Shepherd, in the New Testament the Shepherd dies for the sheep”
- Warren Wiersbe