

Title: The Competing Voice

Text: John 10:3-5,16

Target: What defines and directs us as people of destiny is to be able to discern the right voice(s) to give our attention and acceptance. The ability to decipher and determine what decisions to make in the daily rhythm of your life requires you to see Jesus as a Shepherd.

- I. **The Heart of the Shepherd:** *"To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep **hear** his voice, and he **calls** his own sheep by name and **leads** them out."* (John 10:3 ESV)
 - A. **A Familiar Voice:** *"hear his voice"*
 - B. **A Father's Voice:** *"he calls his own sheep by name"*
 - C. **A Faithful Voice:** *"leads them out"*

- II. **The Hand of the Shepherd:** *"When he has **brought** (to drive out, cast aside, or expel violently) out all his own, **he goes before them**, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."* (John 10:4 ESV)
 - A. **Forgives Your Faults:** *"having forgiven us all our trespasses"* (Col. 2:13)
 - B. **Fights for Your Freedom:** *"For freedom Christ has set us free"* (Gal. 5:1)
 - C. **Frees You from Fear:** *"Fear not, for I am with you"* (Isaiah 41:10)
 - D. **Fulfills Your Future:** *"There is hope for your future, declares the LORD"* (Jer. 31:17)

- III. **The Help of the Shepherd:** *"A **stranger** (unrecognizable, unsuitable or even hostile) they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."* (John 10:5 ESV)
 - A. **The Stranger's Voice is Counterfeiting:**
 - B. **The Stranger's Voice is Condemning:**
 - C. **The Stranger's Voice is Condescending:**
 - D. **The Stranger's Voice is Competing:**
 - E. **The Stranger's Voice is Comparing:**

- IV. **The Hope of the Shepherd:** *"And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, **and they will listen to my voice**. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."* (John 10:16 ESV)
 - A. **Acknowledge His Voice:** It's not just chance!
 - B. **Accept His Voice:** It's not just a coincidence!
 - C. **Affirm His Voice:** It's not just circumstance!

Take Away: Let's choose to prioritize **ONE** voice above all voices and posture our life in obedience to that **ONE** voice.