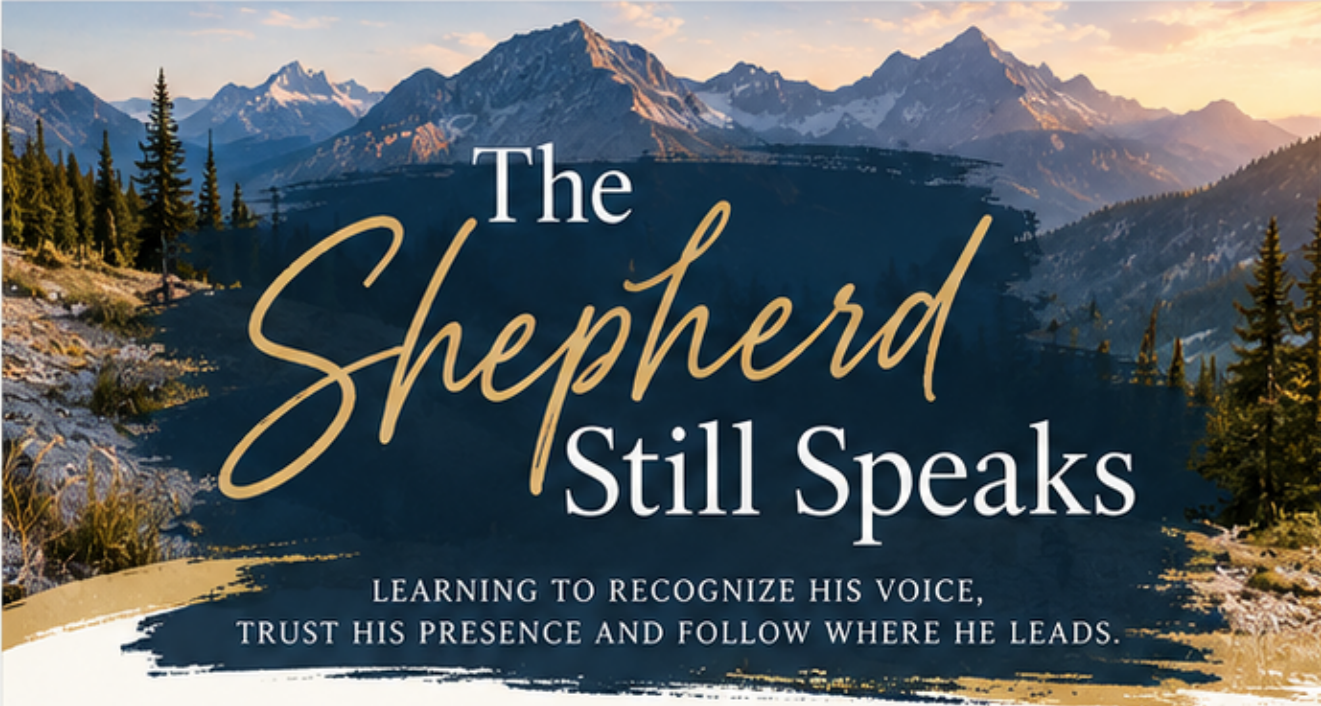




The Shepherd Still Speaks

LEARNING TO RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE,
TRUST HIS PRESENCE AND FOLLOW WHERE HE LEADS.

A GOD WHO SPEAKS

From the beginning, we do not meet a silent God. He speaks creation into existence, calls His people, reveals His character, corrects, comforts, and makes promises. In Jesus, the Word became flesh, and we see His character and love perfectly displayed.

*"In the beginning
was the Word, and
the Word was with God,
and the Word was God."*

JOHN 1:1, NIV

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. A shepherd's relationship with his sheep involves far more than giving commands. He knows them, cares for them, protects them and leads them.

*"My sheep listen to my voice;
I know them, and they follow me."*

JOHN 10:27, NIV

*"The Lord is my shepherd,
I lack nothing."*

PSALM 23:1, NIV

Psalm 23 shows us a Shepherd who provides, guides, remains present in difficult places, and prepares a table for us, even in the wilderness.

LISTEN • KNOW • FOLLOW

A RELATIONSHIP, NOT A FORMULA

We often want to know exactly where God is taking us before we agree to follow. But Jesus begins with a relationship. He knows His sheep, and His sheep listen to Him.



LISTEN

His sheep listen
to His voice.
JOHN 10:27



KNOW

He knows His sheep.
JOHN 10:27



FOLLOW

His sheep follow Him.
JOHN 10:27

HOW WE RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE



THROUGH SCRIPTURE

God's Word reveals
His character and
gives us the foundation
for testing what we
believe He may be saying.
2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17
PSALM 119:105



BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit teaches
us and reminds us
of Jesus' words.
JOHN 14:26
JOHN 16:13



THROUGH PRAYER

We talk with Him
and also make room
to be still and listen.
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7
PSALM 46:10



WITH WISE BELIEVERS

We were never
meant to walk
this journey alone.
PROVERBS 15:22
HEBREWS 10:24-25

TEST WHAT YOU HEAR

- 1 Does it agree with Scripture? ISAIAH 8:20
- 2 Does it reflect Jesus' character? 1 JOHN 2:6
- 3 Does it glorify Christ? 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31
- 4 Is there a steady conviction rather than a passing emotion? COLOSSIANS 3:15

*"Your word is a lamp
for my feet,
a light on my path."*

PSALM 119:105, NIV

