## Is it God that you really heard from?

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JOHN 10:27 NKJV - (27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me

A Pastor in a large church blind folded one of his members in the back of the church and the Pastor told the blind folded person to follow his instructions only. So the Pastor guided the person from their seat all the way to the pulpit (which was up some stairs). In the process of guiding, the pastor would put obstacles in front of the path of the person. He would tell them how many steps to move left or right or forward or back. The process took place as the member walked to the pulpit. The Pastor would let others give instructions on the microphone but the member would not listen to them because they were not the shepherd. Others would speak on the microphone the same time as the shepherd, but the member would only listen to the shepherd. When the member got to the pulpit the Pastor asked her 'What was the key to getting to the pulpit without stumbling?" She said, "To walk by faith and not by site and to know the voice of the shepherd."

Jesus said, "My sheep." He knows who belongs to Him. Those who belong to Him hear and follow His voice. But often we hear other voices and instead we follow the wrong voice. This can happen when not grounded or rooted in Christ.

Who we follow determines who we can relate to. This could tell us who our God is possibly. Hopefully this doesn't become a way of life because we would be out of fellowship. Read the word of God. Adhere to the instructions so you won't stumble. If you are listening to the wrong one, "Repent!" Clean that spiritual wax out of your ears. Ask God to open your ear gates to hear the true and living shepherd and follow the instructions.

If you are His sheep, you cannot be plucked out of His hand. Believers are not eternally secured because of their grip on God but because of His grip on them. If we come to Jesus by faith, He's got us. When we are too weak and our hands go limp, Jesus will still be hanging on to us. Let's just continue to hear His voice and follow His instructions.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 SAMUEL 3:10** 

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Do not pray for an easy life. Pray for the strength to endure a difficult one.