7-Day Devotional: Recognizing and Following the Shepherd's Voice

# Week Two:

# Day 8 – Voice Recognition

**Scripture:** John 10:4-5, 27

**Reflection:** Jesus says His sheep know His voice. Take 10 minutes today just to be quiet with Him—no agenda, no performance. Just ask, “Lord, help me notice what You sound like.”

**Prayer:** Lord, would You help me tune my ears to You? I don’t want to mistake other voices for Yours. Show me the tone, the rhythm, and the peace that always come with Your presence. Amen.

**Journal Prompt:** When was the last time you were sure God was speaking to you? How did you know it was Him and not just your own thoughts?

**Discussion Questions:**

- How do you personally discern God’s voice from other voices?

- What are some “background noises” in life that make it harder to hear Him?

# Day 9 – The Father of Lies

**Scripture:** John 8:43–44; Revelation 12:10

**Reflection:** Satan loves to twist truth and turn whispers into accusations. Ask God right now: “Lord, what lie have I been carrying around that You want to replace with Your truth?”

**Prayer:** Father, I don’t want to live under false headlines anymore. Call out the lies I’ve been living by and write Your truth over them. Let me hear Your version of my story. Amen.

**Journal Prompt:** Write down one lie you’ve believed about yourself or God. Then write out what God’s Word says instead. How does His version make you feel?

**Discussion Questions:**

- Why do lies often feel easier to believe than truth?

- How can community help us recognize and reject deception?

# Day 10 – Alienation by Design

**Scripture:** Romans 1:18–21; Genesis 3:8-10

**Reflection:** Satan’s strategy is subtle—he doesn’t push, he frames. Ask yourself: “Where have I been feeling distant from God, from others, or even from my own heart?”

**Prayer:** Lord, show me where I’ve been drifting. Pull me back into Your truth and restore the closeness I’ve lost—with You, with others, and with myself. Amen.

**Journal Prompt:** Think about the last time you felt disconnected. What was happening around you? What thoughts were shaping how you saw that moment?

**Discussion Questions:**

- What patterns or beliefs can create emotional or spiritual distance?

- What practical steps can help close those gaps?

# Day 11 – Holy Spirit, Guide to Reality

**Scripture:** John 16:13; Romans 8:16

**Reflection:** The Holy Spirit doesn’t yell—He nudges. Take a deep breath and ask: “Spirit, what are You quietly guiding me toward right now?”

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, slow me down so I can hear You. Help me trust Your leading even when I don’t see the whole map. Amen.

**Journal Prompt:** Where have you felt a gentle pull in one direction lately? How did you respond—and why?

**Discussion Questions:**

- Why do you think the Spirit often guides quietly instead of loudly?

- How can we become more sensitive to His nudges in daily life?

# Day 12 – Witnessing Through the Fog

**Scripture:** Psalm 23; 2 Corinthians 4:8-10

**Reflection:** Sometimes the valley is thick with fog, but that doesn’t mean the Shepherd left. Ask Him: “Lord, where are You standing with me right now?”

**Prayer:** Lord, help me notice Your nearness even when nothing feels clear. Let my faith be built on Your presence, not on my ability to see the way ahead. Amen.

**Journal Prompt:** Write about a time when you couldn’t see the outcome, but you could feel God’s presence. What did that teach you about Him?

**Discussion Questions:**

- What does it mean to “witness” God’s presence when clarity is missing?

- How can we encourage others who are walking through a foggy season?

# Day 13 – Reframing the Story

**Scripture:** Psalm 73:16-17; Luke 24:31-32

Reflection: God doesn’t erase pain—He reframes it. Ask Him: “Lord, how are You retelling this part of my story?”

**Prayer:** Father, help me step into the way You see my life. Take the hard parts and reveal the meaning I’ve missed. Make my heart burn with recognition when You show up. Amen.

**Journal Prompt:** Think of a hard chapter in your life. How might it look different if you read it from God’s point of view instead of your own?

**Discussion Questions:**

- How has God’s presence changed the way you see a past hardship?

- Why is reframing different from pretending the pain never happened?

# Day 14 – The Voice You Follow

**Scripture:** John 10:27–28; Hebrews 12:2

**Reflection:** Life follows the voice you trust. Ask yourself: “Who’s really been leading me lately—the Shepherd or the thief?”

**Prayer:** Lord, make Your voice louder in my life than fear, distraction, or doubt. Give me courage to follow where You lead, even if it costs me my comfort. Amen.

**Journal Prompt:** Which voice has been shaping your decisions this week? What would it look like to follow Jesus’ voice instead?

**Discussion Questions:**

- How can you tell when you’ve been following the wrong voice?

- What practical habits help you keep your attention on the Shepherd?