



Known, Loved and Led

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TODAY'S READING: John 10

I have the incredible privilege of being a father to three amazing boys, each with very distinct personalities. Prior to having children, I thought siblings would act similarly since they share the same genetic code. I was SO WRONG! Our first child is so sweet and thoughtful. He thinks and feels his emotions so deeply. Then there is our second child and he is very different. He is like a small hurricane wherever he goes, but he loves to care and help others. Our third son is just a few months old, but we can already tell so much about his little personality.

I know my sons because I have spent so much time with them. I was recently at a worship conference with over a thousand worship pastors, musicians, etc., and my family joined me for the trip. I was talking to some friends, surrounded by hundreds of people in the lobby, when I heard that familiar word that I have heard countless times, "Dada!" I immediately knew my kids were near. I looked to see one of my favorite things, which is my second son running towards me with arms in the air. Isn't that the best feeling to pick up your child after they come running towards you?

I love the description of the Good Shepherd in John 10. Jesus knows His sheep. This is not just superficial acknowledgement of His followers. He knows his sheep on such a deep level that he calls them by name. Let that sink in for a moment. There are 7 billion people on the planet and countless lives that have lived before us and God knows your name. He holds the galaxies that span billions of light-years together and knows everything about you. It is mind blowing to me that God can be so unfathomably big and care so much about my life at the same time. Not only does He know you, but He loves you enough to send Jesus to lay down His life as the Good Shepherd.

There will be times when you feel insignificant and forgotten. We have all felt that way and it feels awful. The best reminder in those moments, when the enemy is reminding that you are unimportant and that no one cares, is to remember John 10. Jesus knows you by name and loves you. He calls you to Himself. I can trust His word and where He leads because He is good. You can run to Him with arms opened in full abandonment because He is trustworthy.

Today, take some time to respond in praise to God because you are truly known and loved.

TOMORROW'S READING: John 11

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