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The healing at the pool

John 5:1-9

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

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Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralysed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” “Sir,” the invalid replied,

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“I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

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JOHN 10:1-10

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

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The gatekeeper opens the gate for him,
and the sheep listen to his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name and
leads them out.

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When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

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Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

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I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep **listen to his voice**. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

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Listen to his voice

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Listen to his voice

- How do you listen to God?

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Listen to his voice

- How do you listen to God?
- What is God saying now ?

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the
I AM
sayings
of Jesus

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Listen to his voice

- How do you listen to God?
- What is God saying now ?
- What other voices am I listening to?

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When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they **know his voice**. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

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Know his voice

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Know his voice

- Intimacy

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Know his voice

- Intimacy
- Learning scripture

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Know his voice

- Intimacy
- Learning scripture
- Teachable Heart

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Never follow a stranger

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

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Never follow a stranger

- Run

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Never follow a stranger

- Run
- Do not listen to the lies

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Never follow a stranger

- Run
- Do not listen to the lies
- Prepare your heart

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Psalm 119:9-16

How can those who are young keep their way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

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Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

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I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full

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- What pain do you carry?

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- What pain do you carry?
- Do you want to be healed?

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