



CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

TODAY'S READING: JOHN 10:1-21
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SCRIPTURE: IS THERE A VERSE(S) THAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

John 10:9 - I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

John 10:16 - I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one Shepard.

OBSERVATION: WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

There's only one way to God and that's through Jesus. It's through an active relationship with him in such that his voice should be recognized. There are not limitations but freedom in this relationship. Also in verse 16, I love that this is a shout out to the Gentiles, us! We're a part of this, Jesus was speaking beyond what geographical boundaries they could imagine at that time.

APPLICATION: WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Would I recognize my Shepard's voice? I wrestle with that question and what to do about it if my assessment is no. Ways I would hear his voice are in prayer, reading scripture-His word-the Bible. I also see God work, hear his voice through relationships. I need to put the noise down and be present in those 3 areas. He speaks, I need to stop tuning him out.

PRAYER: HOW CAN GOD HELP ME LIVE THIS OUT?

My prayer is for obedience in following his voice into relationship with him. To obey the Shepard and to know him as he's there not to confine me but to free me. Looking out for me with His life! My prayer is that I can share this struggle, this tension, this constant pursuit of relationship with God while battling so many tasks and responsibilities as with others who also wrestle with the same.