

Enjoying the Shepherd Like Jesus
Week 1

Surrender to the Truth that God Loves You.

In the video, I said for a sheep on my farm to really enjoy me as their shepherd they would have to know and believe that I love them. If they do not believe that I love them, they will never enjoy me and I will not be able to enjoy them.

For you and I to Enjoy Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we must believe he loves us. Read the following verses:

Genesis 3:1-7

In verses 4 and 5 the serpent is calling into question God's love. "If God really loved you, why would He keep this good fruit from you?" The very first sin was born out of a doubt or disbelief in God's love for us. Because of this doubt and unbelief, God and his people were separated.

What does the Enemy use in your life to call into doubt God's love for you?

Are these doubts based in reality and truth, or are they based on lies?

Research and list Scriptures that prove your doubts are not truth.

Now read these verses:

John 3:16

Romans 5:6-10

John 15:13

1 John 4:8-10

What do these verses say about the Good Shepherd and how he feels about you?

How did he demonstrate His love for you?

What is the greatest test of love? Did Jesus, your Good Shepherd, pass this test?

What is the greatest character trait of Jesus that he showed while here on earth?

Let's Get Real:

What about yourself do you consider unlovable?

Do you believe these things are keeping God from loving you? Be honest?

Do you believe if you are having a tough time in life it is because God does not love you? Be Honest!

Now Go read Romans 8:31-39

What does this passage say about God's love for you? What can you or anyone else do to separate you from God's love now that Jesus has paid the price of redemption?

On your own, Go research the words God uses in Scripture to describe you. To get you started, look for the words Precious, Anointed, Priceless, Beloved. Now pick out other names God has for you and find them in the Bible. Write down the verses you find and list the word used to describe you. (Hint, there are many in the Old Testament as well. Google or Bing will be a big help here.)

This study is really in depth I know. But it is the key foundation, the cornerstone so to speak, of Enjoying the Shepherd Like Jesus. You must believe God loves you or you will never enjoy Him like He wants you to!

Finally read I John 4:13-21

Perfect Love Drives Out Fear! In order to Enjoy The Shepherd, you must live in the truth that He loves you! It is a practiced discipline that will require that you daily surrender to the truth that God is love and He loves you!