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[00:00:06] Jimmy Knott

Hello, my friend.

[00:00:08] Jimmy Knott

Welcome back. Welcome back to the podcast. Teaching that transforms with Pastor Jimmy Knight. Thanks so much for joining me. This podcast we're going to continue in this series, gigantic affirmations from Christ, they I am sayings of Jesus. There are seven in all. All are found in the Gospel of John between John, Chapter 6 and John, Chapter Fifteen. In John's whole purpose in writing The Gospel of John that we have was the highlight and focus on the deity of Jesus. That Jesus Christ is God. Each of these seven I am sayings gives us some insight into the identity who Jesus was, and into the mission of Jesus, why he came.

[00:00:55] Jimmy Knott

So far we've seen I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. I am the door. And today we continue in John Chapter 10 with I Am the Good Shepherd. I want to begin reading in John Chapter 10 in verse 7. It really picks up where we left off last time, where Jesus says, I am the door. So Jesus again said to them, truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that you might have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He was a hired hand and not a shepherd who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees and the wolf snatches them and scatters them, he flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own in my own know me, just as a father knows me and I know the father and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also and they will listen to my voice so there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the father loves me because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I'd lay it down amount of corn.

[00:02:37] Jimmy Knott

I have authority to lay it down and have authority to take it up again. This charge I received from my father. There was again a division among the Jews because of his words. Many of them said he has a demon or is insane. Why listen to him? Others said these are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon can deepen. Demon opened the eyes of the blind, then slipping down to verse twenty seven. Jesus says, my sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the father's hand. I and the father are one. This for saying I am the good shepherd. Let's pretend for a minute if you could choose what animal you would be. What would that be? Well, used to hear of a lion or a giraffe or maybe a tiger or perhaps an elephant or a gazelle. What would you choose? The further you think of the nations of the world, probably almost 200 of them, and many of them have a national symbol, an animal as a national symbol. I bet, you know, if I mentioned Panda, who's the country, right? China. I mentioned Lion Lion, now Africa. England. How about the eagle? The good ole USA. Think of the mascots that many sports teams have that are connected to animals. You know, you put all of these together and here's what's amazing. Probably no one would choose the animal to be or a national symbol or as a mascot.

[00:04:34] Jimmy Knott

A sheep. Why?

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Sheep tend to be stupid, stubborn. Have you ever seen a trained sheep in a circus act? They're dirty and smelly. They don't take care of themselves. They're defenseless.

[00:04:50] Jimmy Knott

They know they don't have speed. They don't have sharp teeth. They don't have claws on their feet. I mean, they really can't defend themselves. The prone to wander, they get lost really, really easy. I have no no sense of direction whatsoever. And cheaper, easily frightened and easily confused. You put all these, you know, truths and facts together, we come to one conclusion sheep need a shepherd.

[00:05:15] Jimmy Knott

Sheep need a shepherd. Have you ever stopped to think that we're sheep? In fact, the Bible says we are his sheep.

[00:05:27] Jimmy Knott

And as a 50 3:06. It says all we like sheep have gone astray. All of us as sheep. We need a shepherd. So it raises the question of this passage and what does it show us? What does the good shepherd do for his sheep? Well, I think there are several things. Reiger the text and let's look at him quickly.

[00:05:51] Jimmy Knott

First of all, he daas for a sheep. Five times in versus eleven through 8/8 five times. dieser says he lays down his life for the sheep. I really think that's probably the Dolma thought in a passage is the ultimate sacrifice of the shepherd for a sheep. And we need to remember their sacrifice. And the deputy dad for us was totally volunteer it. His life was not taken. It was freely given. Jesus was not helpless. Pawn on history's chessboard. Jesus willingly died for us. Go back to Isaiah, 53 6. All we like sheep have gone astray.

[00:06:32] Jimmy Knott

Everyone is turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the sins of the whole world. Paul wrote in Romans 5 8. Christ died for us. Christ died for us. And he had total control over his life. He had the authority to lay it down. He had authority to take it up again. That's exactly part of the conversation that Jesus told right before the crucifixion when he was in his meeting with pilot and pilot, said, I have authority to crucify you or to release you. In Jesus response was, you have no power over me. Jesus is the good shepherd. He dies for his sheep. I've never had anyone in my place die in my place as my substitute ever in my life. And hopefully that will never to. No one will ever have to step in, as it were, and take a bullet or or a knife to defend me. Only one person has ever died for me and for you. And as Jesus, the good shepherd. So what does a good shepherd do for sheep? He dies for them.

[00:07:42] Jimmy Knott

He dies for them. Secondly, he owns them. He owns them.

[00:07:49] Jimmy Knott

That's what it says in verse twelve. He was a hired hand and not a shepherd who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves a sheep and flees in the wolf, snatches them and then scatters. The shepherd owns the sheep.

[00:08:04] Jimmy Knott

The sheep belong to the shepherd. When we come to God in faith, we not only get God, he gets us.

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He owns us.

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Paul put it this way. First Corinthians, Chapter 6 and verse 19. Do you not know that your body is a temple of a holy spirit within you, who you have from God? You are not your own. You were bought with a price. Peter one of the following one. The Apostles of Jesus. First, Peter, chapter one. You know that you were ransom's purchased, bought from the feudal ways, inherited from your fathers. Yet you were about not with perishable things such as silver. Gold. But with the precious blood of Christ, the precious blood of Christ, he is our good shepherd because he died for us because he owns us.

[00:08:54] Jimmy Knott

And again, why was that purchase price? He laid down his life for us. Next, the good shepherd cares for us. The shepherd cares for the sheep, the hired hands, the false shepherds. This is what he says. Verse 13, he plays because he's a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. Jesus is not a hired hand. Who plays it trouble? Yes, there are always some even in ministry, only in it for the money. They're hirelings. But Jesus is the real, the true, the authentic good shepherd who cares deeply for his sheep. Earlier in his ministry, he looked at his people who said they're like sheep without a shepherd and his heart was broken. He hurt in his gut for them. He cares for us. His care is shown in his protection of us, in his guidance for us and his provision for us. Go ganda versus 27. Following my sheep. Hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. And I give them eternal life. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. Talk about care. Talk about protection. What is a good shepherd do for a sheep dash for a sheep, owns his sheep, cares for a sheep. Next knows his sheep, knows his sheep. This what it says in verse sub 14. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own ohmae. Just as the father knows me and I know the father. Want a comparison? Jesus says he knows his sheep. US as well as the father knows him. And we are and how well does the father know his son?

[00:10:40] Jimmy Knott

Perfectly. This is not just intellectual understanding awareness, this is deep, intimate knowledge and understanding. It says in verse 3 earlier that he knows his sheep, as he calls them, by name by name.

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He had to remember now and in that culture, the shepherds raised the sheep not for slaughter, but for their wool and for their milk.

[00:11:04] Jimmy Knott

So they usually have them for a long time. So a deep, deep mind developed.

[00:11:09] Jimmy Knott

And between the shepherd and the sheep, the shepherd knew the name of sheep. He knew the nature, their personality, what they were like. And he knew their needs. Just like Jesus, our good shepherd. He knows us. He knows our name, he knows our nature, our

personally, what we're like, what we need as well. He is our good shepherd. He dashed for us. He owns us. He cares for us. He knows us. Next, he brings us together. He unites his sheep for 16 is very interesting when Jesus says and I have other sheep that are not in this fold. I must bring them in also and they will listen to my voice. Who are those other sheep? Well, I frankly think it's a reference to Jintao believers, though, here outside the fold of Judaism. Jesus brings both Jew and Gentile together and makes them one. He brings male and female together and makes them one the young and old together and makes them one all ethnicities together in him and makes them one, he brings us together as one fold, as one flock where he is our good shepherd. Next, he lives for a sheep. He lives for sheep. Not only does he lay down his life, it says he also has the power to take it up again.

[00:12:35] Jimmy Knott

And he says that twice. He also has the authority to take it up again, though he willingly, willingly sacrificially gives his life for the sheep. The father enables him to take it up again. What's the refrain? What's he referring to? He's referring to his resurrection in back in the next podcast. When we do that next, I am saying it will be I am the resurrection and the life. So he is a good shepherd, but he is a living shepherd. And what is he doing? Writer of Hebrews says he is sitting at the right hand of the Heavenly Father interceding for us. Oh, what a great shepherd. What a good shepherd we have. He dies for us, owns us, cares for us, knows his sheep, brings us together in sheep regardless of our backgrounds. And he lives for a sheep even today. So what? What do we as his sheep owe the Good Shepherd? What he talked about it in versus 14 to 16, and it really boiled down to it, the two responsibilities that you have to our good shepherd one to know and to listen to his voice. This takes time in the world. This takes time in prayer to list to know his voice and to listen to his voice.

[00:13:52] Jimmy Knott

And next, once we have heard his voice, then to follow and to obey his voice. Verse twenty seven again, my sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow. Me, his sheep longed to hear his voice and longed to do what his voice says. Perhaps the desire to hear and obey his voice proves as much as anything else, that we belong to him and we are his sheep. So Jesus is the good shepherd. And how did the heroes respond to that? How will those who hear it today respond to it? EDIT Jesus says there again, this is at least the third time, Chapter 7, Chapter 9 and again. That the religious leaders and the Jewish people were divided. Oh, who Jesus was and why came? And just as before, there were those who rejected him as the Good Shepherd. In fact, attribute his work to Satan. And then there are those who believed in him. Can I ask you, which group are you in today? Is he your good shepherd? Bible says that his people are sheep and like sheep, we tend to be stubborn and wayward, confused and scared. We too need a shepherd. But my friend, not just any will do only the good shepherd, only the good shepherd.

[00:15:20] Jimmy Knott

This reminds me of one. The most fee for mega passes is a scripture, Psalm 23. He can probably say it with me. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leaves me in the paths of righteousness for his namesake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will feel no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff. They comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. The Lord is my shepherd.

[00:16:08] Jimmy Knott

I came across this great prayer and I want to conclude this podcast on I Am the Good Shepherd by sharing this with you. Here's the prayer. Great Shepherd. How could I ever doubt your love? Why am I afraid to follow? Forgive me, Lord. For truly, I am foolish and stubborn. Time and again, I wandered away from your righteous path. Still, you come. You rescue me because of the great love with which you love me, me, me, a sheep. Teach me, Jesus, to come to your call to obey and not kick against your correcting staff. Draw me close. Let me know the comfort of your vigilant care. Be my defense in danger. For I am your sheep. Defenceless, independent.

[00:16:56] Jimmy Knott

And I need a shepherd. I need you, Jesus. Good shepherd of my soul.

[00:17:02] Jimmy Knott

A man and a man.

[00:17:06] Jimmy Knott

I want to thank you for listening. The truth that transforms. Remember, it only transformed us when we applied. Blessing's my friend from Pastor Jimmy, I'll see you next time.

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