

GRACE WAY WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN, AND MY OWN KNOW ME, JUST AS THE FATHER KNOWS ME, AND I KNOW THE FATHER. I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. BUT I HAVE OTHER SHEEP THAT ARE NOT FROM THIS SHEEP PEN; I MUST BRING THEM ALSO, AND THEY WILL LISTEN TO MY VOICE. THEN THERE WILL BE ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD." JOHN 10:14-16

THE SHEPHERD

WRITTEN BY HEATHER HERGET

When you read John 10:14-16 what do you hear and see? Do we really understand what He means by "my own know me"?

I recently listened to a podcast where they were discussing John chapter 10. They talked about what they had learned about a shepherd and how the sheep listen & follow. Did you know if multiple shepherds walk into a flock's pen and start singing to gather their sheep the sheep go straight to their shepherd? As I listened to the ladies on the podcast talk about this, I felt such conviction. Do I know The Shepherd's voice this well? Do I hear it above everything else? Our world is so full of noise and distractions!! What am I doing to make sure I hear AND listen to His voice and then follow?

Most people can hear a loved one's voice over any others especially their spouse, parent, or child. This only happens because we regularly talk to them. It's the same with our Savior and Shepherd. We can't know and hear Him over the noise of this world if we don't regularly talk with Him. This means regularly participating in spiritual disciplines like reading His Word, praying, being silent, journaling, worshiping, and more. The more we engage and participate in these the more we know and hear His voice over everything. There will be days, weeks, and seasons where we all struggle. I just personally had a few weeks where there were days the only things I could manage to handle was prayer, silence, and listening to the Word on an app. We also all put these disciplines in place a little bit differently. I love to read and write so my daily walk & disciplines look different from others. The important thing is we are talking and listening to our Shepherd. We must take in His Word. We must pray. We must listen. We must do those disciplines which guide us to knowing Him like no other.

It is my prayer for each person in our church to hear the Shepherd's voice over all other voices. I also pray we grow hungrier every day for His Word and His Presence so we can better hear His voice.

WHAT WE ARE DOING TO MAKE SURE WE HEAR THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

LEADER TEAM CORNER

HEATHER HERGET

Started new year reading John and now doing a study called "Do Not Fear". Using She Reads Truth Devotion Subscription Box to have a devotional guide/commentary to keep me on track. Weekly reading "A Surrendered Yes, 52 Devotions to let go and live free" by Rebekah Lyons. I am an audio/podcast junkie. While I'm working, you will find me binge listening to the book of John or a preaching podcast. Have plans to binge our own Pastor's sermons after having several weeks of missing due to illness.

CHRISTY RICHMAN

Taking the time to indulge a variety of spiritual growth resources is one of my favorite things to do every day. The work that God is doing in and around me is so much more evident when I am constantly setting my mind on Him. Right now, I am reading through Romans with my D group, I wake up every morning and go to bed every night having read the devotional from Mornings and Evenings with Spurgeon, and about 8 pages of Pilgrims Progress daily.

CHELSEA WINE

With a week like this, I am reminded once again that I am NOT in control. While that may be a freeing feeling, it is also extremely terrifying to me. The Bible tells us over and over "do not fear", but as human beings we find it very easy to give into the fear. It is always easier to do the things against His commands, but for some reason doing what He says feels impossible some days. Thankfully though, we have a very loving and forgiving God who will never leave us. I thank Him constantly for His mercy and goodness, because without it I am lost.

WHAT IS THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE SAYING?

BOOKS BEING READ & RECOMMENDED

"Women of the Word" by Jen Wilkin - Heather Herget & Christy Richman
"God of the Garden" by Andrew Peterson - Christy Richman
"Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at your Table" by Lou Giglio - Mary McKee

KRISTIN DELAUGHTER

Reading the Bible chronologically this year

JENNY BONE

Was reading devotional by R.C. Sproul titled "Growing in Holiness" on the Bible app. Had a goal to memorize the first few verses in study: Phil 3:12-14

MARY MCKEE

"I have to have the WORD & WORSHIP!" She reads devotions on her Bible app. She regularly reads through the Bible switching up which version she reads every time. She enjoys podcasts, preaching apps, and listening to preaching on TV. If not that she's listening to worship music. She journals daily and has boxes of journals from years past.

(written by Heather)

PAM FENTON

While reading Colossians 3: 12-14, God was showing her something through notes she had written 8 years ago. "A difference maker must be a bridge to Christ." She shared "Here it is 8 years later and GOD dropped this right in my lap again. Which of course means, I needed the lesson and the reminder!"

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY - UPWARD APPRECIATION

LOVE ON UPWARD VOLUNTEERS IN FEBRUARY! WE WILL BE SENDING OUT SIGN-UP SHEETS & EMAILS TO GIVE MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE WILL BE DOING THIS THE LAST WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY DURING THE FINAL GAMES.

MARCH 14TH @ 6 PM - DGROUP DINNER

FOR WHO? ALL WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DGROUPS AND THOSE CURRENTLY IN A DGROUP

WHERE? AT THE CHURCH

WHEN? 6 PM

WHAT? EAT, FELLOWSHIP, DGROUPS TRAINING, AND SIGNUPS/RE-SIGNUP

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS AND MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP!!**

MARCH 21ST - MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY STARTS

- FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET BY LYSA TERKEURST

MARCH 25TH & 26TH - MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

APRIL 23 @ 5 PM - SPRING BANQUET

JUNE 11TH - LADIES BRUNCH

**SAVE THE DATE MAGNETS COMING
SOON TO THE WELCOME CENTER FOR
THE WOMEN! MAKE SURE TO GET ONE!**

LOOK WHAT'S
HAPPENING!!

WINTER WARMUP PHOTO OPS

