

DO WE KNOW HIM?



We hear about Jesus.

We talk about Jesus.

We sing about Jesus.

But do we actually know him?

For all our creeds and belief systems, Jesus is a stranger until we hear his voice and he hears ours.

We get to know Jesus as we....

...listen to him.

...speak to him.

Listening to the Master

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

John 10



The words of Jesus in the four gospels are dead on the page until we take them in.

The minute we take them in, those words come alive as no other words ever spoken on this earth.

In those words, we begin to hear the voice of the Shepherd.

The more we listen, the better we get to know him.

As he speaks to us, Jesus leads us into truth.

He sheds light on the words of the prophets, the Psalms, the testimony of Abraham and Moses.

He gives us a vision of things to come.

As we drink in his words, we get to know Jesus as our Lord, our Friend.

The words of Jesus are our single light, our North Star.

Speaking to the Master

He's listening.

He's waiting.



Always and everywhere his ear is open to each of us as if each were the only one in the world.

Alone in our room with the door shut we talk to him.

When we're walking in the woods we talk to him.

When we're driving on the freeway we talk to him.

We talk to him in the middle of the night.

We cry out to him when we're in trouble.

We thank him continuously as we walk through this world.



It never, never stops.

After years as an apostle Paul kept seeking to know the Lord, who was already his best Friend.

...That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead....

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Philippians 3

Paul never takes his Master for granted. Never assumes that he's Jesus' buddy. In Jesus, Paul sees unspeakable love and terrifying holiness, and keeps reaching out for more of his Lord.

As long as we are in this world, we keep getting to know the Master.

And he keeps revealing himself to us in new ways,



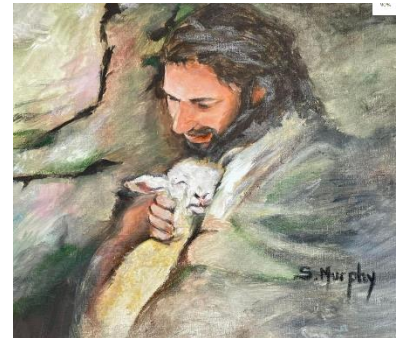
As we listen to him.

As we speak with him.

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. And no one shall snatch them out of my hand.”

John 10



Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to truly hear you and to keep listening to your voice, to know you, really know you. To know with every cell in our bodies that you are with us and listening to us. Oh Lord, give us the boldness, the confidence, the faith to continue speaking to you. Give us an overwhelming desire to reach out for more and more of you. Forgive us for keeping you waiting for us to really know you. Help us to snuggle into your waiting arms with all our cares, concerns, and needs...and with ever loving and thankful hearts. Amen.

Maranatha Mirror