## Who do you believe has your best interest at heart?

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Jesus [John 10:9-10]

## THE GATE

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:1-10

**The Thief**: The Thief doesn't come to bring <u>FREEDOM</u> but <u>DESTRUCTION</u>.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

Thief – subtlety, trickeryRobber – violence, plundering

**The Shepherd**: The Shepherd's purpose is for the <u>FLOURISHING</u> of His flock.

I have come that they may have <u>life</u>, and have it to the <u>full</u>.

Life to the <u>Full</u> – exceeding abundantly above, an extra ordinary amount, beyond measure

The Sheep: The Sheep know the VOICE of their shepherd & FOLLOW Him.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep <u>follow</u> <u>him</u> because they <u>know</u> <u>his</u> <u>voice</u>. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

Who is **LEADING** your life?

Do you know the **VOICE** of Jesus?

Are you running **AHEAD** of Jesus?

**The Gate**: The Gate provides access to <u>LIFE</u> & protects against <u>HARM</u>.

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.
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Jesus is the <u>ENTRANCE</u> into the life that is truly life, bringing <u>FREEDOM</u> & <u>SECURITY</u>.