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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

John 10:27-30 My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one. (NIV)

When the Good Shepherd speaks, do you hear Him? It all depends on whether you are listening. I have had instances when someone is speaking to me, and I don't really hear them. Whether I'm distracted or I'm focused on something else, or my hearing is getting a little worse, I don't hear what they have said. I have found that when someone is speaking, I need to pay attention and listen to what they are saying. It is even more important to listen to the Savior when He is speaking. And because this is not usually an audible voice, we must be even more 'tuned-in' to hear His voice. Once we hear Him, we then must be obedient to follow His instructions. By the way, there is no better place to be than to be in the Father's hand. Jesus speaks the truth always! He says that no one can be snatched out of the Father's hand. This is a wonderful reminder that those who are saved will always be saved! This is the security of the believer. Now this doesn't mean that we won't slip and fall or choose to not listen at some point, but it does mean that what Jesus did for you and me on the cross was enough! He has given us eternal life. It begins at salvation and gets sweeter every single day. Are you listening to His voice? Do you desire to hear Him speaking? Do you spend time in His word? He is always speaking. He has given us His miraculous scripture so that we can hear Him continuously. If you know Him, you will want to be in His word daily. You will set aside time to hear what He has to say. When I was a young teenager, my Youth Pastor challenged me to have a 'quiet time' every morning before I did anything else. At first, it was 'hit-or-miss' for me because it was not a priority. But as I began to understand God's love for me and His purpose, I began to become more regular. I can tell you, that making Christ first in every part of your life is well worth the time and effort. You must make this choice, but when you do, He will reward You with His voice every day.

Dear LORD, thank You for speaking to me today. Help me to be a good listener. There is no sweeter voice than Yours. Thank You that I am forever Yours. In Jesus Name, Amen