

Light | of Jesus in my life

The Life No One Can Take Away

John 10:11-18

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Introduction: It's not what you see that drives your life; it's what you don't see. The turn in the road. The root across the trail. Even more, the things inside you. The parts of yourself that even you don't see, hidden in shadow. Longings, secrets, fears... When you meet Jesus, what you notice is not just what you see in him, but what you see in yourself. And his light shining beauty into your life. It all comes out in St. John's passion. And it comes out in our lives too as we approach the light of Jesus's greatest hour.

Prayer: Father, thank you for sending your beloved Son to be our Good Shepherd. Guide us to the green pastures within your word that nourishes our souls and provides strength for us to follow you. Amen

Read: John 10:11-18

Review: Were you able to shorten the time between feeling a fear and bringing it before God in prayer? How did this change your week?

Discussion:

1. Jesus states that he is the Good Shepherd. How does he describe what the shepherd does for His sheep? See also John 10:1-10
2. Who are the sheep and what do they do? What do they receive?
3. What is the difference between giving something voluntarily versus having it taken from you? Why is it important that Jesus gave up His life?
4. What does it mean to you that Jesus had the authority to lay down His life and to take it up again? Where does His authority come from? What difference does it make in your life?

Application: Think about your life with Jesus. What have you gained? What have you given up?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Thank you for calling us by name, you know us, love us and care for each one of us wherever we are. Lead us to be the people you have created us to be. Amen.