

Hello once again MK friends!

As I am busily preparing for many of you to come to SOM, I am so excited to see what God is going to do! I sense that it will be awesome - and those of you coming will walk away blessed by what God will do in your life.

Last night I taught a class at my home church here in SGF about the Shepherd. I really enjoyed it. Often we talk about Jesus as the “good shepherd” and yet many of us don’t realize what that is saying about US!! When He is called a Shepherd – you and I are called SHEEP! It is hard not to be offended, because sheep are some of the DUMBEST animals around. How can we be likened to sheep? Let me give you a one simple example.

When sheep get away from the shepherd, they open themselves up to be devoured by preying animals. Which is an easy target, because they can’t really run – and wouldn’t even think they needed to until it was too late! So many times, we as humans don’t realize that when we separate from our Shepherd, we open ourselves up to be destroyed by the enemy. Without Christ, we have no defense! Sometimes people erroneously think they can live life on their own. They end up being consumed by the enemy (who the Bible says lives to steal, kill, and destroy).

The Word tells us that if we stay close to the shepherd, he will “give you life, and that more abundantly.” So, today I would say to each of you to stay close to your Shepherd, and he will give you a FULFILLING life. After all, his desire is for you to live life to the full, to your highest potential!

We love you all! Thanks for your great emails to me.

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