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Scripture

John, 10: 27-30
Jesus said:
“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

Our Scripture Reflection

When we put our trust and hope in mortal man we will likely end up disappointed. Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us Who it is that deserves both our trust and our love: The One Who gave His life for us on Calvary. In a world where many voices conflict with His, make we listen carefully and settle for nothing less than the Best.

Food for your Journey
While on a guided tour of the Holy Land the passengers on the bus had been told time and time again that the shepherd never drove the sheep like cattle but always walked in front, leading them.

As the bus came around a curve they looked out the window and saw a herd of sheep being driven by a man. The tour guide was clearly flustered and stopped the bus. He went over and had an extended conversation with the man driving the sheep.

He returned to the bus with a triumph smile on his face as he announced to the tourists, “He’s not the shepherd. He’s the butcher!”

This story is about a police officer not a shepherd. But we should hear the voice of the police as well as the shepherd, right? And the police are here to help, right?

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, a policeman was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at his uniform, she asked, “Are you a cop?”

“Yes,” he answered and continued writing the report.

“My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?”

“Yes, that’s right,” he told her.

“Well, then,” she said as she extended her foot toward him, “would you please tie my shoe?”

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**A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear God, You sent Your Son into this world to be our Shepherd because we tend to get ourselves confused and lost. Rather than settle for those voices which promise cheap and quick happiness, may we listen for the Voice of Truth which calls us to humility and a life that leads to lasting joy. Amen