

**MAGNET**  
-Ryan Parsons-

The gospel of John gives us some of the most beautiful language to describe the intimate relationship between Jesus and his followers.

**John 10:3, 27**

To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**Luke 11:28**

But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

The voice of Christ is both commanding and attractive. His sheep are characterized by familiarity and obedience to that divine dialogue. A preacher named Charles Spurgeon once wrote: **Just as you can find out, in a heap of ashes, whether there are any pieces of steel there by simply thrusting in a magnet, so can you find out God's chosen people by the mighty magnet of Christ's voice.**

Interestingly enough, it is not only the magnetic pull of a magnet that attracts but also the composition of the metal and the proximity to the magnet.

Scripture tells us that it is possible to repel the magnetic pull of Christ's words and distance our hearts from him (Eph 4:17-20). May it never be! We can listen to the world, embrace sin, and choose disobedience such that it adds a non-magnetic alloy to our lives that slowly become immune to his pull.

**Hebrews 3:15**

As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.

**Psalms 95:7-9**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Jesus is calling! He is drawing humanity to himself. The questions are: Do you know his voice? Are you listening? Have you responded to his magnetic pull?

**John 12:32**

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

May God bless you as you study, pray, and listen to the voice of Jesus this week.

Hesed, Ryan