

# THE BOOK OF JOHN

## Trust Training

John 10:14-42

### 3 Ways To Build Trust In Your Relationship With Jesus

Trust Jesus' Character

Trust Jesus' Power

Trust Jesus' Promise

John 10:14-18, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

#### I. Trust Jesus' Character

I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

I lay down my life.

Matthew 26:52-53, "Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

John 19:11, "Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."

I bring my sheep into the fold.

John 10:19-21, "There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?"

#### II. Trust Jesus' Power

They were exactly right. Jesus is either a Madman or The Messiah

The words of Jesus are not the words of a madman

The deeds of Jesus are not the deeds of a madman

The effect of Jesus was not the effect of a madman

John 10:22-26, "And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you."

The Feast of Dedication is also called ... The Feast of Lights

Why did Jesus return to Jerusalem at this time?

To teach and celebrate the festival

Why didn't Jesus just come out with it and say to them, "YES, I am the Messiah that you've all been waiting for!"

Did not want to give false hope

John 10:27-29, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

### **III. Trust Jesus' Promise**

3 great promises in these verses:

I give them eternal life

They shall never perish

No one shall snatch them out of my hand

Our Security is assured in several ways:

Eternal life

A gift - not earned or unearned

Jesus' promise... my sheep will not perish.

The power of God... no one will snatch them out of my hand.

### **3 Kinds Of Security**

False, Conditional, Eternal

How do you know if you're a "true believer?" Verse 27 points to three marks:

A hunger to hear God

An inner sense that you belong to God

A genuine desire to be obedient to God

Jesus has a 3-fold relationship with His sheep

A Loving relationship - because He died for us

A Living relationship - because He cares for us

A Lasting relationship - no one will snatch us out of His hand