

Good Morning Church Family – Journey Through John

Read John 10:17-29

Devo Thought: Once saved, always saved...anyone ever heard this phrase? Basically, it is the idea that once we have been saved by Jesus, we cannot lose that salvation. It is based on two big ideas. First, it is based on the idea that our salvation is neither based on our ability to save ourselves nor on our ability to keep ourselves saved. Second, it is based on the idea that Jesus protects us as one of his sheep once we have been saved by him. We see this idea very clearly in this text today. Jesus says, “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of my Father’s hand.” Jesus’ sheep (those he has saved, those who he has laid his life down for) have the double protection of the Son and the Father. This means that neither the enemy can pull us from the hand of the Father and the Son nor can we ourselves wriggle free from the grasp of the Father and the Son. They have us. This has two major implications for our daily living. First, it means that we can be assured of our salvation. It means that we can have peace, knowing that God’s love for us is unconditional. We don’t have to worry about whether He will change His mind about us. Second, it does not mean that we can do whatever we want now that we are saved. While we can’t sin our way out of salvation, we can sin ourselves into a state of doubt, fear, and a completely lack of peace, joy, and hope. God’s grace isn’t a license to sin and selfishness; it is a license to love and sacrifice (go and read Romans 6-8 and Galatians 5).

Let us thank God that our salvation isn’t based on our own efforts but on the work of Jesus