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The sheep follow him because they know his voice. **John 10:4**

I love when my grandsons come to visit. When they first arrive and see me, they start squealing and run and jump in my arms, give me a big hug and yell, "Pops!" Being a grandfather is the reward for raising children.

Pops is fun. I do fun things, and rarely tell them, "No." If they want that cookie, they get it. If they want to stay up late, they can. However, I have noticed an interesting dynamic. When they have skinned their knee, or are exhausted because I let them stay up too late and they get cranky, when they need someone to make them feel better, they turn to their mom or dad. When they are tired or hurt, and they hear one of their parent's voices, they immediately want them. They do not even have to see their parents, just hear their voices, and they go running. That is as it should be.

In our lives, there are many distractions and voices calling for our attention. Some are fun; others promise more than they can deliver. Many of those voices are not bad but can easily be distractions. And, just like my grandkids, if we are having fun, those distractions keep our attention. But hearing our Savior's voice is imperative. Spending time with our Savior, listening to Him, being reminded that He is a good, good Father, who protects and guides is vital.

There are so many things calling for your attention today, this week. Many are good things, even necessary, but none is more essential than spending time with the Savior. Take some time to just be with Jesus today, listen to His voice, be encouraged, and listen to His guidance.