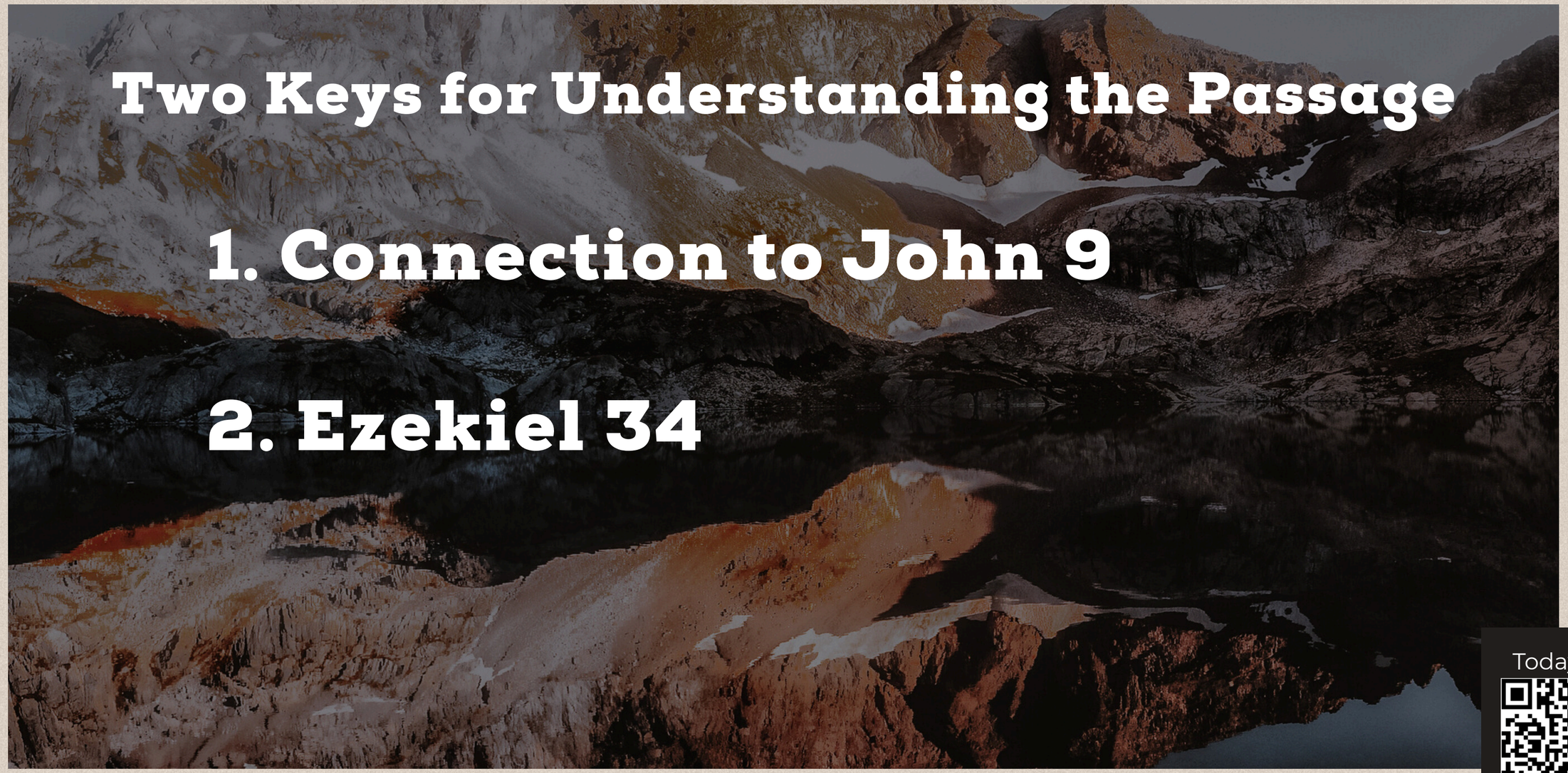


I AM

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today's Notes



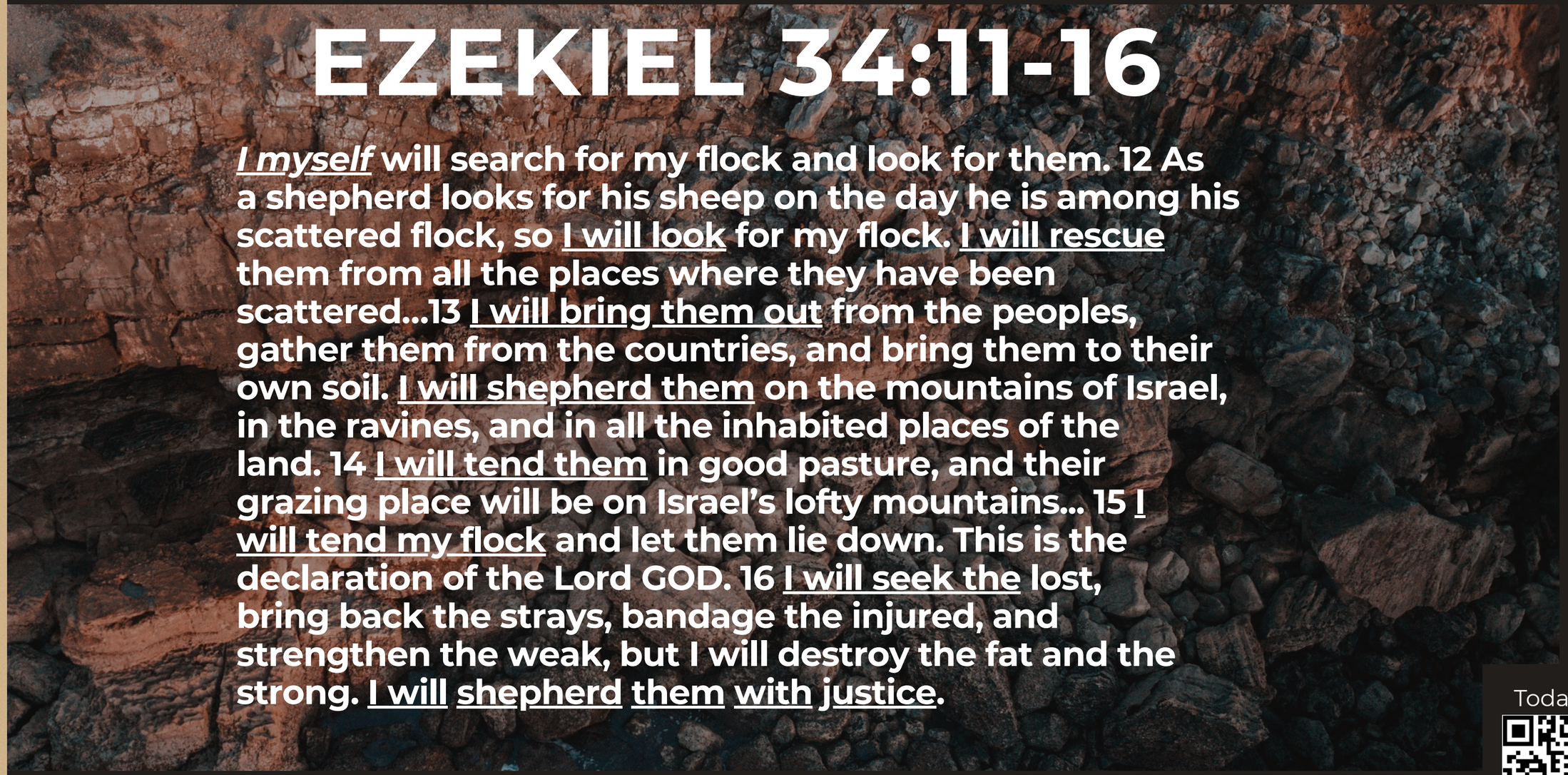
Today's Notes

EZEKIEL 34:2-5

“Woe to the shepherds of Israel, who have been feeding themselves! Shouldn’t the shepherds feed their flock? 3 You eat the fat, wear the wool, and butcher the fattened animals, but you do not tend the flock. 4 You have not strengthened the weak, healed the sick, bandaged the injured, brought back the strays, or sought the lost. Instead, you have ruled them with violence and cruelty. 5 They were scattered for lack of a shepherd; they became food for all the wild animals when they were scattered.”

Today’s Notes

EZEKIEL 34:11-16



I myself will search for my flock and look for them. 12 As a shepherd looks for his sheep on the day he is among his scattered flock, so I will look for my flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered…13 I will bring them out from the peoples, gather them from the countries, and bring them to their own soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the land. 14 I will tend them in good pasture, and their grazing place will be on Israel's lofty mountains… 15 I will tend my flock and let them lie down. This is the declaration of the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, bring back the strays, bandage the injured, and strengthen the weak, but I will destroy the fat and the strong. I will shepherd them with justice.

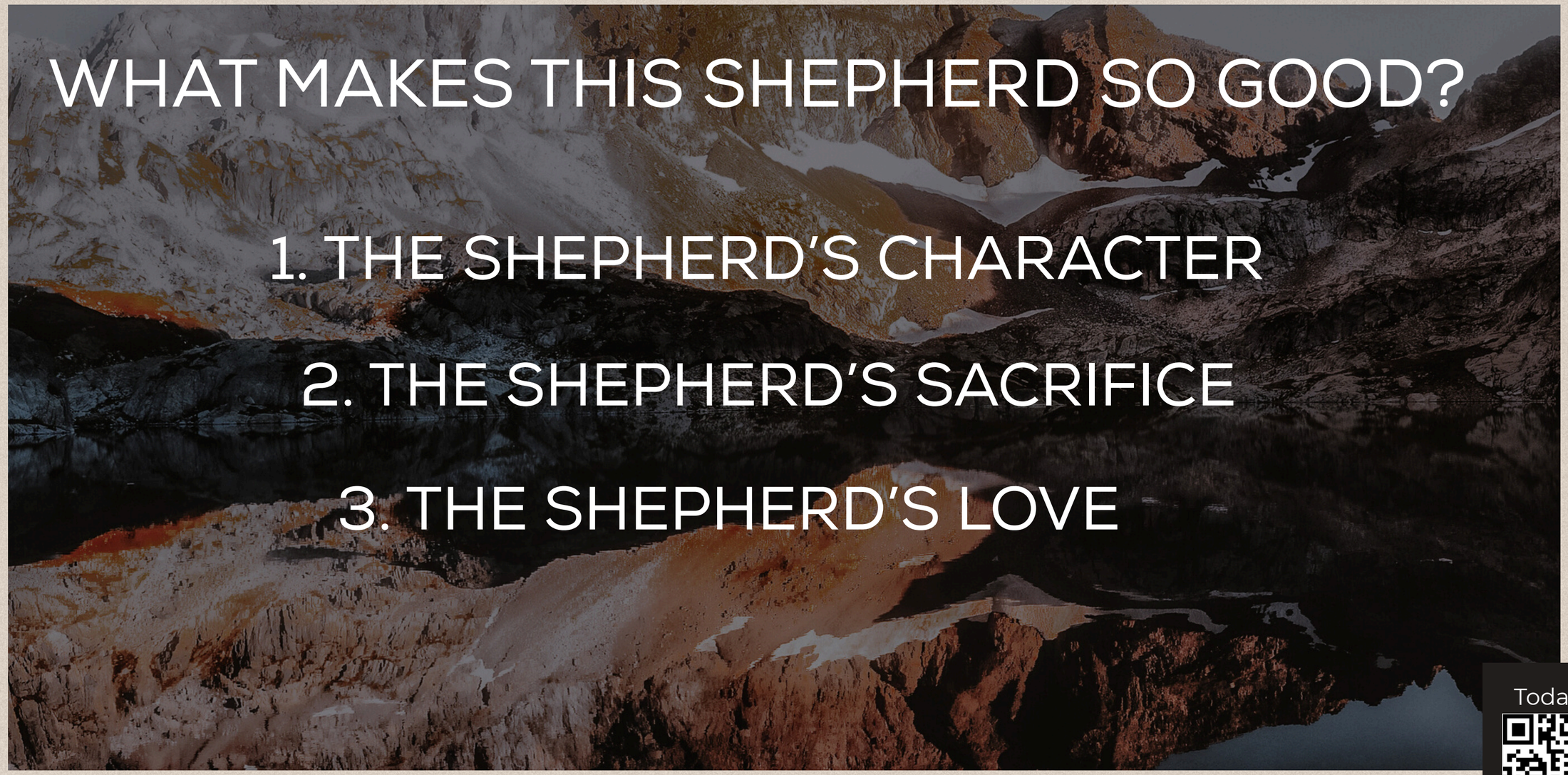
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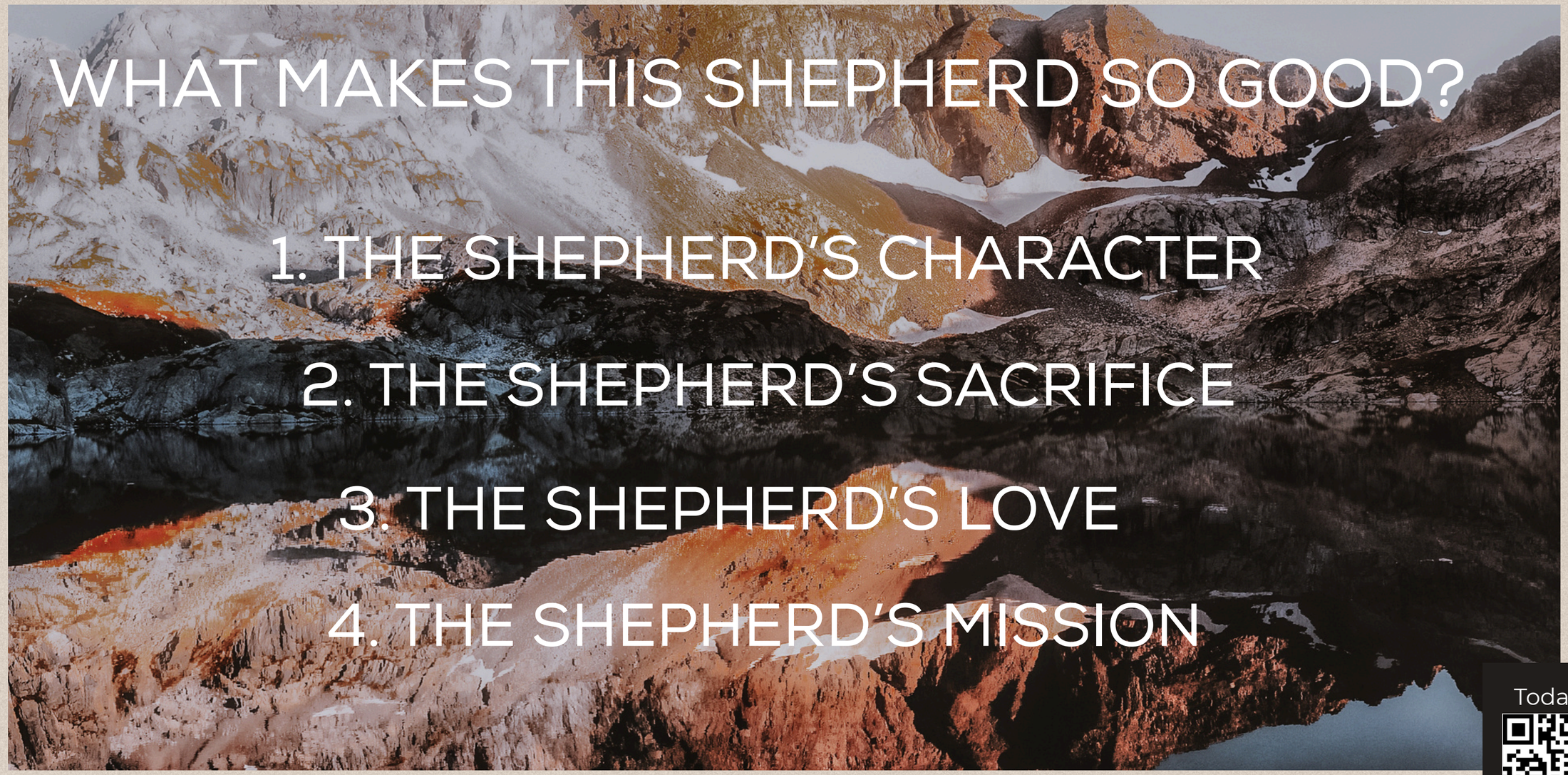
The Big Idea:

Jesus is the Good Shepherd because He freely, knowingly, and lovingly lays down His life for His sheep — and that sacrifice is the foundation of our security, our intimacy with God, and His unstoppable mission to gather one flock from all nations.

Today's Notes



Today's Notes



WHAT MAKES THIS SHEPHERD SO GOOD?

1. THE SHEPHERD'S CHARACTER

2. THE SHEPHERD'S SACRIFICE

3. THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

4. THE SHEPHERD'S MISSION

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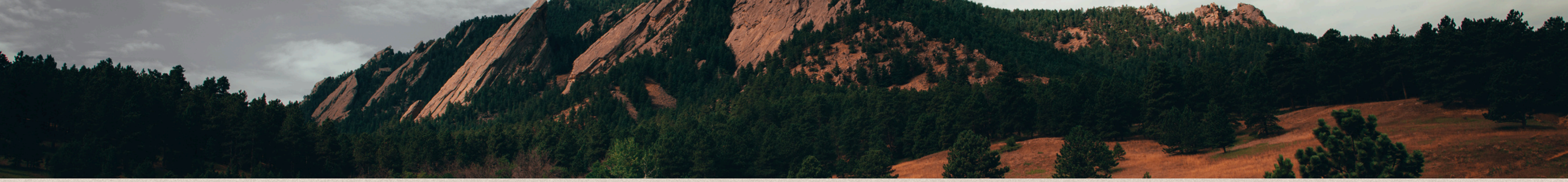
THE SHEPHERD'S CHARACTER (VV. 11–13)

Today's Notes

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired
hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the
sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep
and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters
them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and
cares nothing for the sheep.

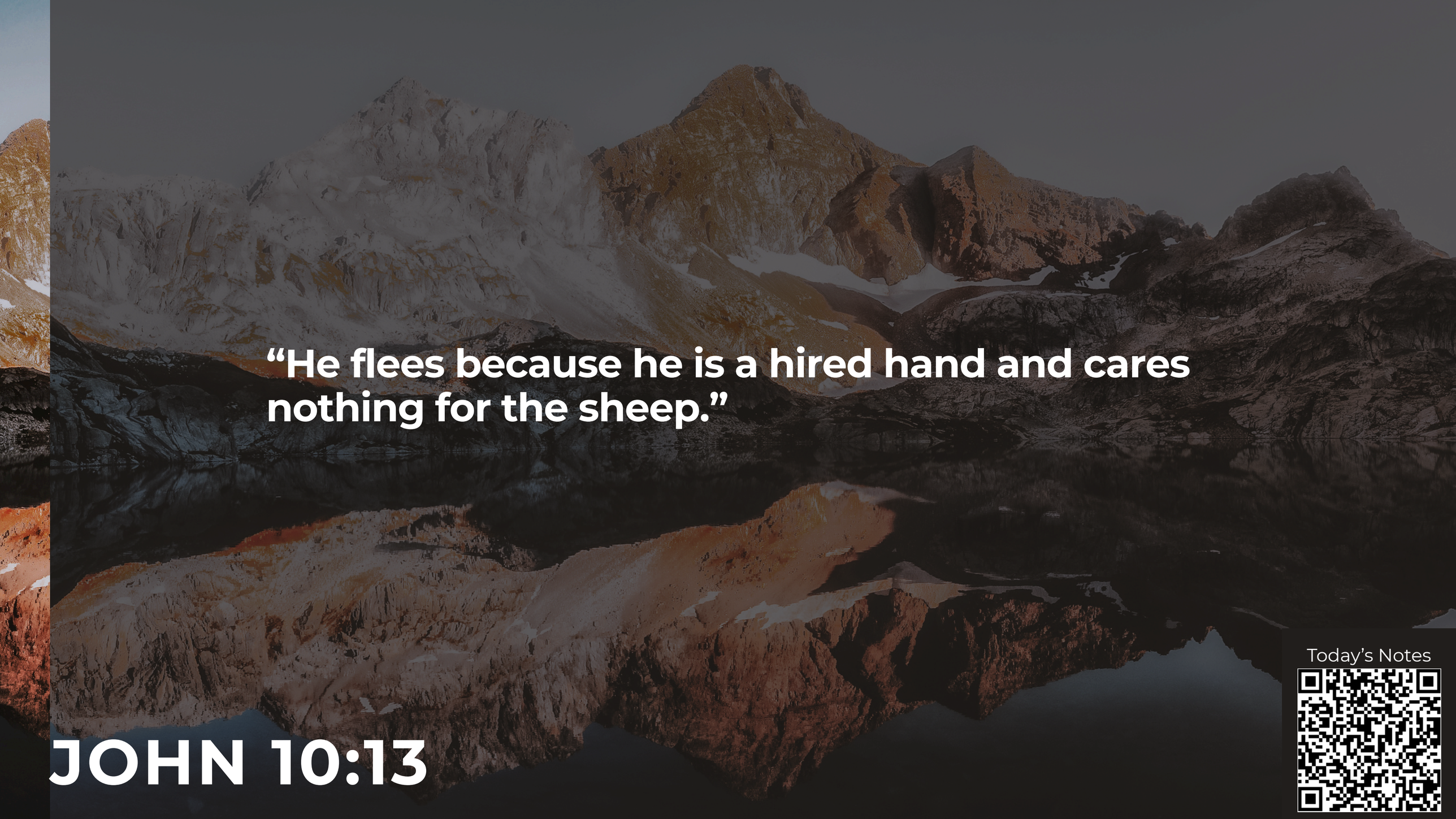
JOHN 10:11-13

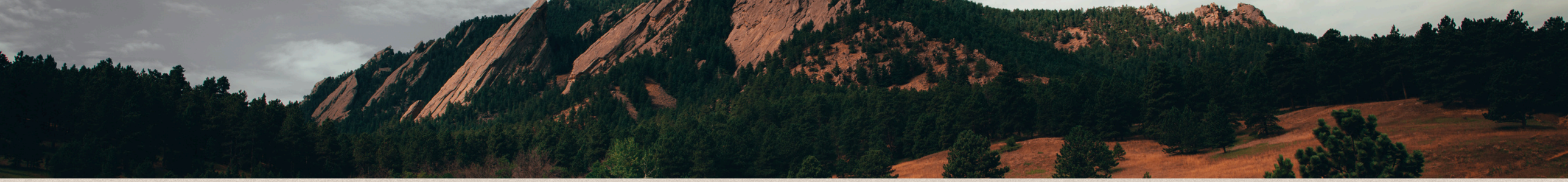
Today's Notes



THE HIRELING'S PROBLEM IS NOT A LACK OF COURAGE; IT'S THE ABSENCE OF LOVE.

Today's Notes


“He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”
JOHN 10:13
Today’s Notes



“THERE IS NO SURER MARK OF A FALSE SHEPHERD THAN THIS: HE USES THE SHEEP FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT RATHER THAN EXPENDING HIMSELF FOR THEIRS.”

J.C. RYLE, EXPOSITORY THOUGHTS ON JOHN, VOL. 2.

Today’s Notes

Application: In what areas of your life are you called to be a shepherd but instead are playing the part of a hireling? What would true shepherding look like for you?

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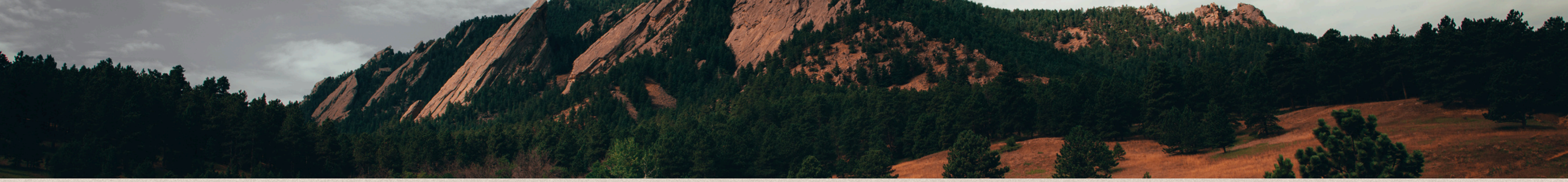
THE SHEPHERD'S SACRIFICE (V. 11, 15-18)

Today's Notes

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep…15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

JOHN 10:11,15-18

Today’s Notes



“HE LOVED HIS SHEEP BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD; HE PURCHASED THEM WITH HIS OWN BLOOD; HE WILL LOSE NONE OF THEM.

CHARLES SPURGEON, “THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

Today’s Notes

It’s Volitional –willful and voluntary

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The Good Shepherd does not stumble into the cross – He walks toward it with purpose and gives up his life so that the sheep may be saved.

Today’s Notes

It’s Vicarious –substitutionary

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life **for** the sheep”

JOHN 10:11

Today’s Notes

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John 10:11, 15 “Lays down His life **for** the sheep.”

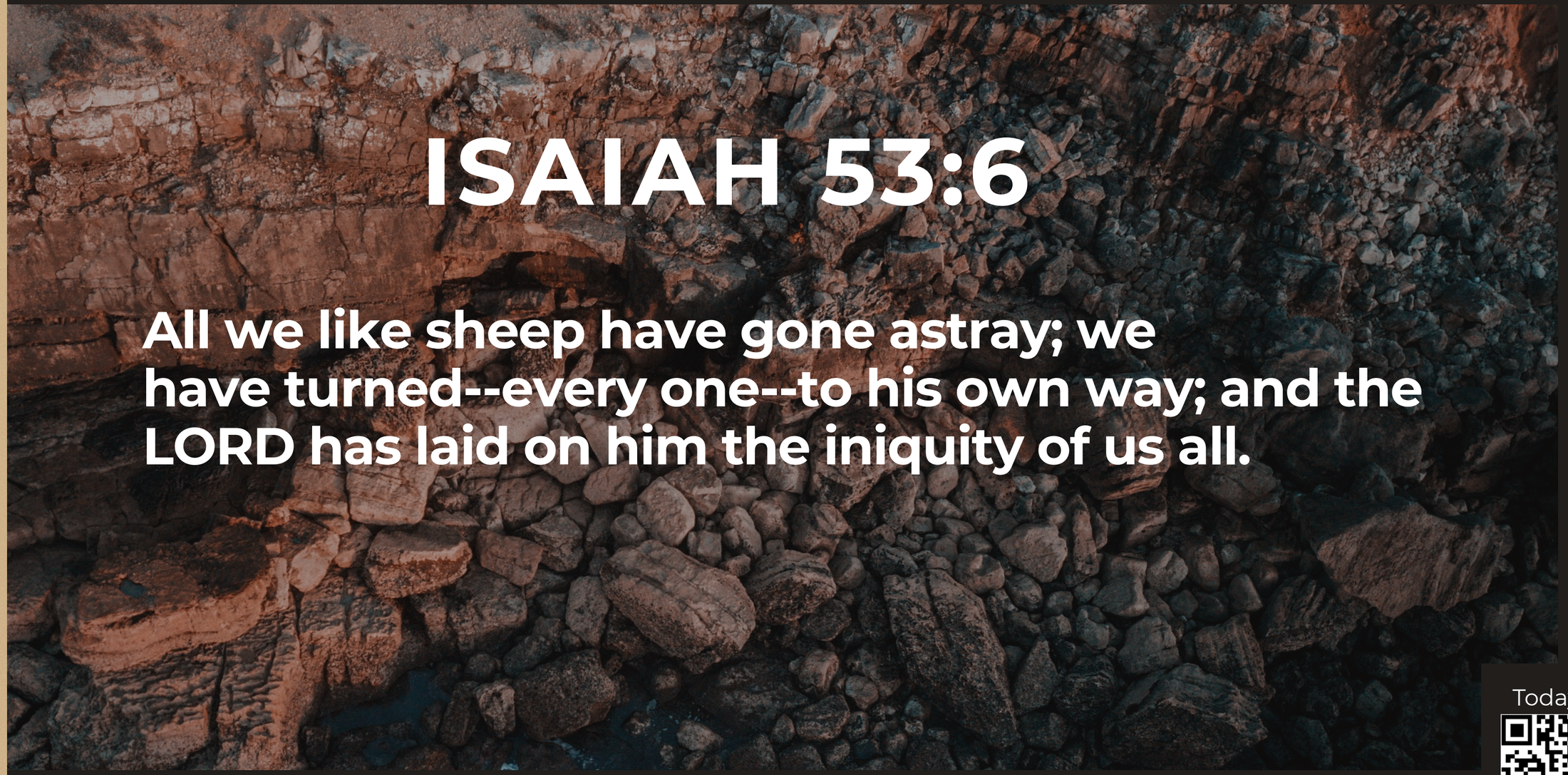
John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life **for** his friends.

Romans 5: 6,8 “Christ died **for** the ungodly, …while we were yet sinners, Christ died **for** us.”

Galatians 3:13 “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse **for** us.”

Ephesians 5:2, 25 “Christ loved us and gave himself up **for** us; …as Christ loved the church and gave himself up **for** us.”

Today’s Notes



ISAIAH 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Today's Notes

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

– “For our sake, He made Him
to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might
become the righteousness of God.”

Today’s Notes

ISAIAH 53:11

Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

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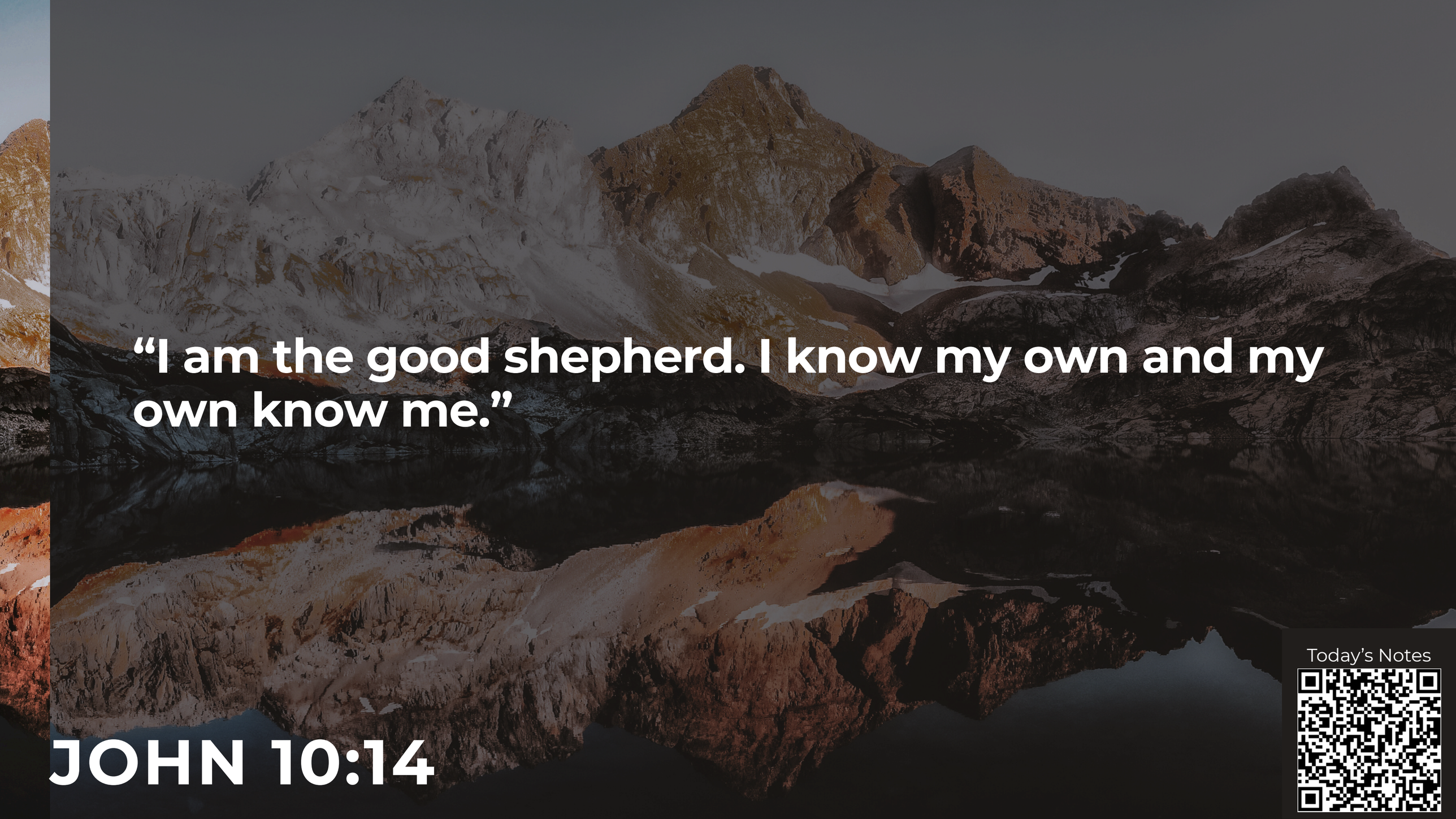
REVELATION 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Today’s Notes

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE:
THE INTIMACY BEHIND THE SACRIFICE (VV. 14–15)

Today's Notes


“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.”
JOHN 10:14
Today’s Notes

Oida – factual, intellectual knowledge of information. It is the observation of facts and data. Impersonal, objective, scholarship of facts

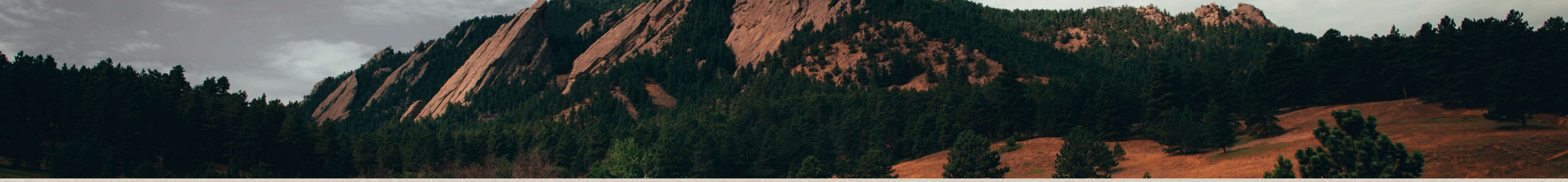
Ginōskō – Intimate, relational knowledge, deeply personal and experiential.

Today's Notes

MATTHEW 7:21-23

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will
enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does
the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that
day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not
prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your
name, and do many mighty works in your
name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never
knew you; depart from me, you workers of
lawlessness.’

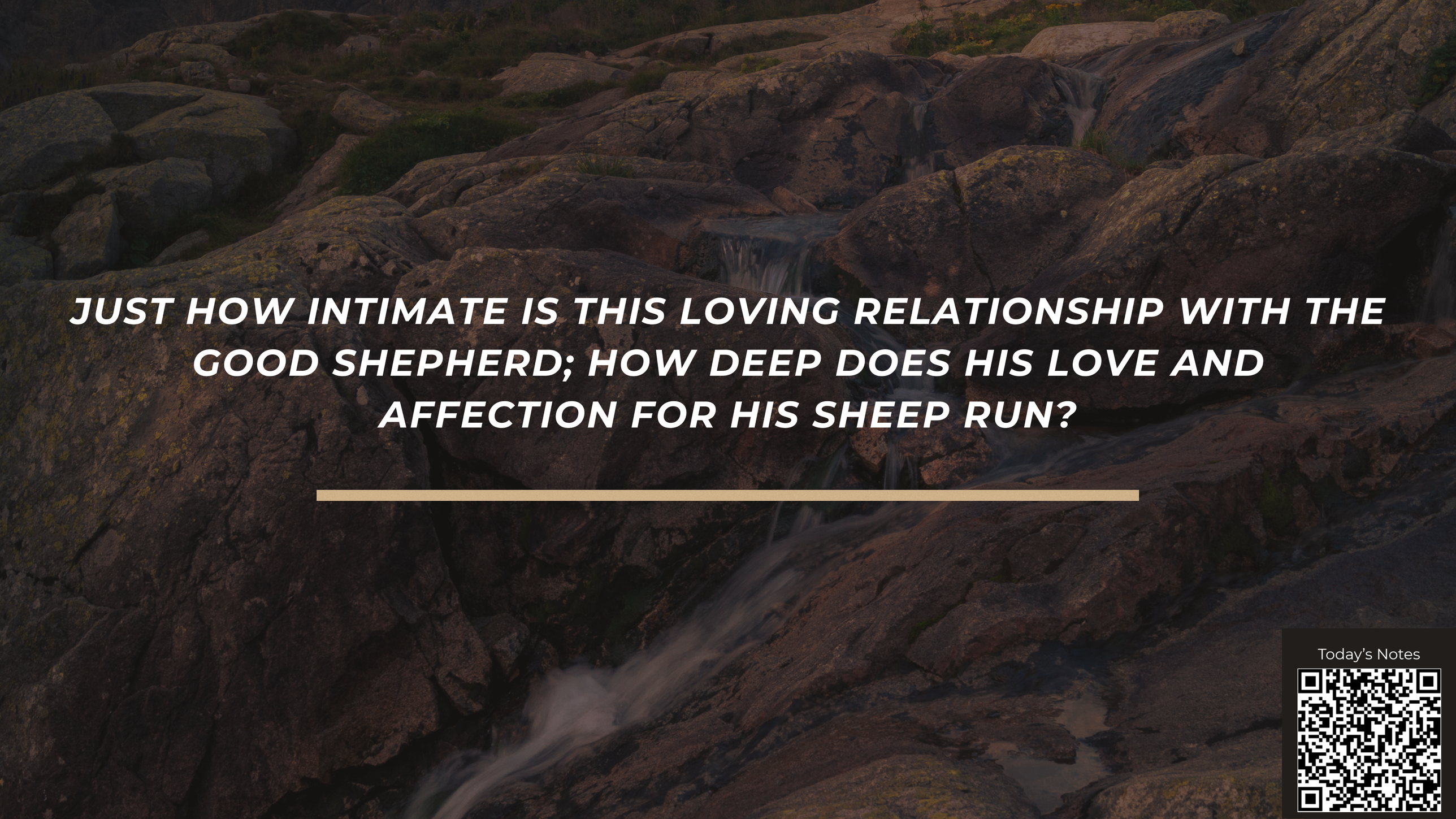
Today’s Notes



“THE LORD KNOWS THEM THAT ARE HIS. HE HAS A PARTICULAR, PERSONAL, INTIMATE ACQUAINTANCE WITH EVERY INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER. HE KNOWS THEIR NAMES, THEIR FRAMES, THEIR TEMPTATIONS, THEIR SORROWS.”

JOHN NEWTON, LETTERS OF JOHN NEWTON

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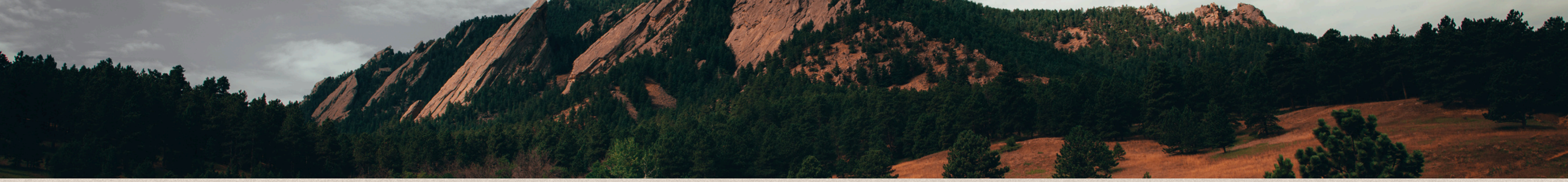


JUST HOW INTIMATE IS THIS LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD; HOW DEEP DOES HIS LOVE AND AFFECTION FOR HIS SHEEP RUN?

Today's Notes

“…JUST AS THE FATHER KNOWS ME AND I KNOW THE FATHER.” — JOHN 10:15A

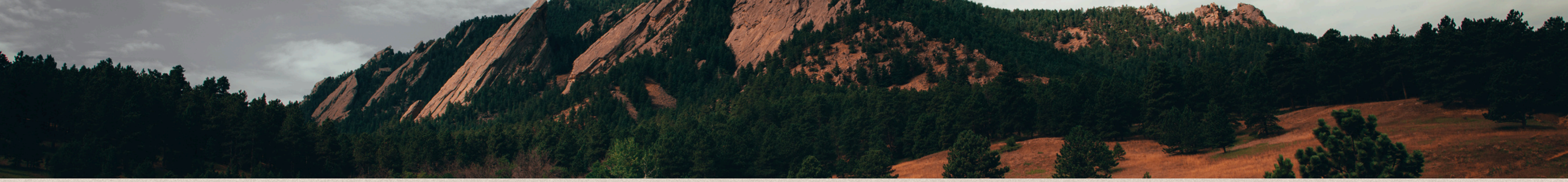
Today’s Notes



“WHAT A WONDER! THAT THE SON OF GOD, WHO DWELLS IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER FROM ETERNITY, SHOULD STOOP TO KNOW, BY NAME, POOR, VILE, SINFUL WORMS OF THE EARTH.”

JONATHAN EDWARDS, “CHRIST’S AGONY”

Today’s Notes



“HE FORESAW MY EVERY FALL, MY EVERY SIN, MY EVERY BACKSLIDING, YET NEVERTHELESS, FIXED HIS HEART UPON ME.”

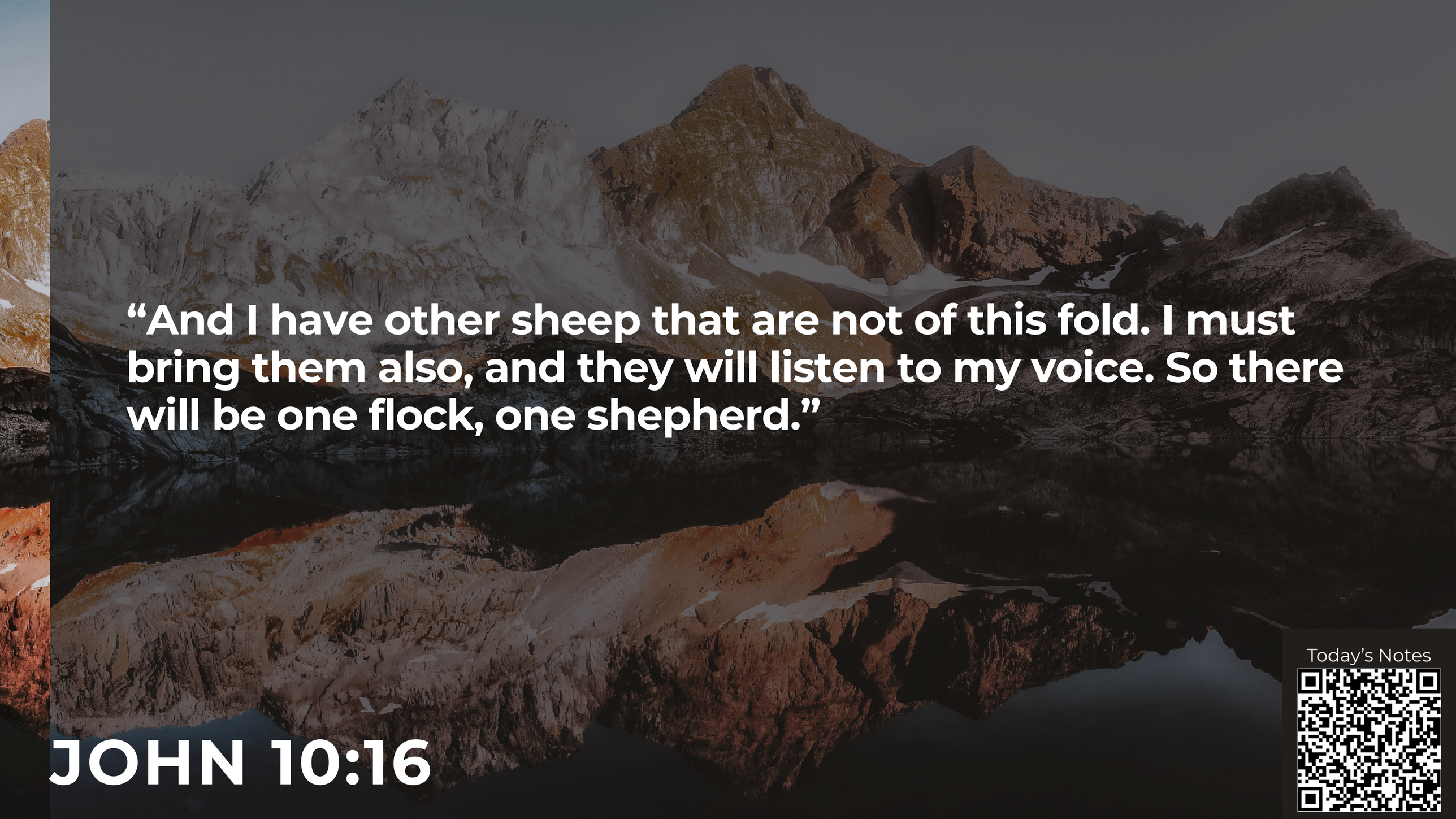
A.W. PINK

Today’s Notes

THE SHEPHERD'S MISSION (VV. 16–21)

OTHER SHEEP — THE MISSIONARY MANDATE

Today's Notes


“And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”
JOHN 10:16
Today’s Notes

▸ *I HAVE: PRESENT REALITY.*

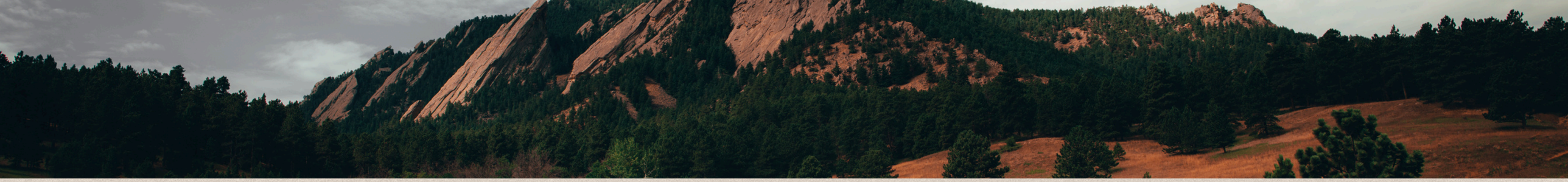
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- *I HAVE: PRESENT REALITY.*
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- *I HAVE: PRESENT REALITY.*
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- *THEY WILL LISTEN: SOVEREIGN CERTAINTY.*

Today's Notes



“GOD IS NOT GLORIFIED WHEN WE KEEP FOR OURSELVES THE BLESSINGS HE INTENDS FOR ALL NATIONS. THE VERY NATURE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD DEMANDS THAT WE GO

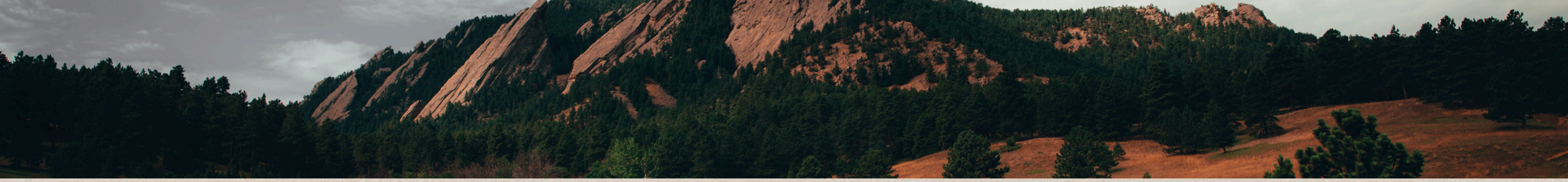
JONATHAN EDWARDS

Today’s Notes

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

JOHN 20: 30-31

Today's Notes



“COME THEN POOR, STRAY SHEEP; THE SHEPHERD CALLS YOU. HE CALLS YOU BY THIS SERMON. HE CALLS YOU BY HIS SPIRIT. COME TO HIM NOW JUST AS YOU ARE.”

CHARLES SPURGEON

Today’s Notes

LET'S REFLECT

1. IN WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE, DO YOU NEED TO STOP ACTING AS A HIRELING?

2. ARE YOU RESTING IN THE SACRIFICIAL LOVE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

3. DO YOU KNOW HIS VOICE; DOES HE KNOW YOU, AND ARE YOU FOLLOWING HIM?



Today's Notes

LET'S RESPOND

Sing Together
Fill out a Response Card
Give an Offering
Prayer on the Porch