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"The Thing Truth Does"

John 14:6 NIV

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 10:11-14 NIV

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

What does the Good Shepherd do?

He is good and the demonstration of His goodness is that He lays His life down for His sheep.

JESUS INTENDS:

- 1. Bring sheep out and into
- 2. He will lay down His life for His sheep.

John 10:17-18 NIV

17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

John 18:36-38 NIV

36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." 37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify (bear witness) to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate.

Truth comes to bear weight on the world and the way of the world.

John 19:8-10 NIV

8 When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, 9 and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

THE THING THE TRUTH DOES

- O The Truth exposes the Illusion.
- O The Truth makes us Right.

THE TESTIMONY

- ➡ The truth that we have been made by God and for God.
- → The truth that we will not find the life we are looking for apart from life with God.
- → Jesus restores (is) the Life for which we are created.

John 3:21 NIV

But whoever <u>lives by the truth comes into the light</u>, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

- O He is this very way and this very truth for the very life we've been created for.
- O His wounds bring healing and His forgiveness brings about redemption (Col. 1:14).
- O By Him we are made right with God and through Him lives rightly in the world.

THE THING THE TRUTH DOES: Makes us Right

There are one of two ways to be right:

- O You can be CORRECT.
- O You can be the way you are created to be.

KNOWING MEANS TRUSTING

Trust is the response to the Truth!

- O Can you trust His provision?
- O Can you trust His guidance?
- O Can you trust His forgiveness?