

# JOHN 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> AT THAT TIME THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION TOOK PLACE AT JERUSALEM; <sup>23</sup> IT WAS WINTER, AND JESUS WAS WALKING IN THE TEMPLE IN THE PORTICO OF SOLOMON. <sup>24</sup> THE JEWS THEN GATHERED AROUND HIM, AND WERE SAYING TO HIM, “HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP US IN SUSPENSE? IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, TELL US PLAINLY.” <sup>25</sup> JESUS ANSWERED THEM, “I TOLD YOU, AND YOU DO NOT BELIEVE; THE WORKS THAT I DO IN MY FATHER’S NAME, THESE TESTIFY OF ME. <sup>26</sup> BUT YOU DO NOT BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF MY SHEEP. <sup>27</sup> MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME; <sup>28</sup> AND I GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO THEM, AND THEY WILL NEVER PERISH; AND NO ONE WILL SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND. <sup>29</sup> MY FATHER, WHO HAS GIVEN *THEM* TO ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL; AND NO ONE IS ABLE TO SNATCH *THEM* OUT OF THE FATHER’S HAND. <sup>30</sup> I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE.”

# IMPEDIMENTS TO HEARING AND UNDERSTANDING

WE'RE DISTRACTED – LUKE 10:38-42

WE DON'T LIKE WHAT WE'VE HEARD – JOHN 6:60, 66

WE DISAGREE – WE'VE HEARD, BUT WE DON'T LIKE WHAT WE'VE BEEN TOLD! – EX. 3-4; ACTS 10; ACTS 22

WE DON'T ASK – WE PROFESS OUR FAITH, BUT WE DECIDE BASED UPON CONVENTIONAL WISDOM OR “BEST PRACTICES” – JOSH. 7:2-5

WE'RE GUILTY OF HIDDEN OR NOT-SO-HIDDEN SIN – JOSH 7:1

WE'RE DOUBTFUL/DOUBLE-MINDED -- JAMES 1:5-8

WE DISAPPOINTED AND DISCOURAGED – EX. 6:1-9

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the most frequent impediments that can interfere with you clearly hearing and understanding what God is telling you. What measures can you take to minimize those impediments?
- What might stop you from asking for God's instructions before acting? When are you most prone to act before asking?
- What are the most common factors that stop you from obeying His instructions after He's made his instructions clear. Can you think of an instance when you first balked at His instructions but then nevertheless obeyed?