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"When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because **they know his voice.**" (Joh 10:4, NIV)



"Of David. Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered." (Psa 26:1, NIV)

"Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;" (Psa 26:2, NIV)

"for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness." (Psa 26:3, NIV)

"LORD, I love **the house** where you live, **the place** where your glory dwells." (Psa 26:8, NIV)

"My feet stand on level ground; **in the great congregation** I will praise the LORD."

(Psa 26:12, NIV)

"The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, **and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple** toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar." (Eze 47:1, NIV)

"As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through **water that was ankle-deep.**" (Eze 47:3, NIV)

"He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through **water that was knee-deep**. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist." (Eze 47:4, NIV)



"He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the **water** had risen and **was deep enough to swim in**—a river that no one could cross." (Eze 47:5, NIV)

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt- water fresh; **so where the river flows everything will live.**" (Eze 47:9, NIV)

"But the **swamps and marshes will not become fresh**; they will be left for salt." (Eze 47:11, NIV)

Knowing does not come by the giving of names, **but by the doing of life together!**

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because **you know those from whom you learned it,**" (2Ti 3:14, NIV)

We are called to be **people of conviction**, not conformity; of moral nobility, not social respectability. We are commanded to live differently and according to a higher loyalty.

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