

# BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

April 21, 2013  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Gospel Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



### Spiritual Reflection:

In his book: *Our Grounds for Hope: Enduring Words of Comfort and Assurance*, Archbishop Fulton Sheen talks about listening to the voice of God: "You have five senses which put you in touch with the material and sensate passing world about you. But did you ever notice that when you wish to do deep thinking you shut your eyes, close the doors of the ear to the rattles of earth, the more the Spirit of God speaks, within you. You will learn more truth from the Spirit than from books, as the Apostles on Pentecost learned more about the Life of Christ than they did from three years of living with Him in an earthly way."



### Spiritual Questions:

1. How do you pray?
2. What books have you read on prayer?
3. Are you willing to sit in quiet even if "nothing" seems to be happening?
4. How do you hear God's voice?
5. What is the goal of all of that God says to us?



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