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Image Management or Image Bearer   
John 10:1-21

Why we like knockoffs. Image management: We can be perceived a certain way without it costing us too much

When don’t we like knockoffs? When we can pay full value for the authentic

Faux: imitation, artificial, not genuine, fake or false

Faux Shepherds: You are faux shepherds: self-appointed leaders, for your own benefit, evidenced by your unwillingness to follow. You wonder why people are not following you.

The yoke of or bondage: The Faux Life

Faux values, based on faux expectations, resulting in faux acquisitions, leading to a faux life

Prospers me to your deficit, I should be honored, my stuff determines my value, material driven life

Idols: anything we substitute for God that we think will ultimately satisfy

Authentic Shepherd:

I have come and lay down my life so you may have full life.

We have a lot of song that are true but could lead to the thought of escapism. When the focus is, “I just have to endure long enough”. The focus is taken off the blessings of kingdom now.

I don’t run away from the task.

I am loved because I lay down my life for the father’s beloved

**Matthew 11:28-30** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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Jesus the authentic human: Comes to break the yoke of slavery of the influence of others that they forcefully place on us or we willingly take upon ourselves. Lev 26:13 Heads held high

Ex 6:6-8 I will free you from being slaves to them Isa 14:25 Remove burden from your shoulders Jer 2:20, 5:5, You broke of my yoke, 30:8 I will break their yoke Ezk 34:27 I will break the yoke of those who enslave them.

Jesus’ obedient love resulted in physical death but was revived through God’s abundant joy.

He showed that death was the route to life and became a blessing to many. (John 12:24) unless a kernel falls to the ground and dies it remains a single kernel.

Jesus died in accordance with the principles that he espoused in his own teaching and actions, namely, that greatness in God’s kingdom comes through servanthood, suffering and self-denial (Mark 8:34-38 Deny Self and follow; 10:35-45 Rulers seek authority, you seek service)

The only way to escape the corruptibility of the human condition is through placing your life in the hands of the one who transform lifelessness into life.

Authentic values: valuing others made in the image, expecting good and bad, stuff is to be enjoyed not worshiped,

**Is your faith faux? How would you know? Are you seeking to serve or be served in all areas of life?**