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*Text: "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."
Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (John 10:1-10 NLT)*

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1. A Satisfying Life is not _____ but

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2. A Satisfying Life is not _____ but

How to get from "Ought to" to "Want to"

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"...and will find good pastures"

3. A Satisfying Life is not _____ but

"Best Me" Prayer: Jesus, I believe you want a rich and satisfying life for me. Thank You for loving me for who I am. Thank you for knowing me by name. I admit that following You is not always easy. I ask that you give me the power to want to go where you lead. Please help me focus my attitude on the blessings you have given me. Today is a lush field ripe with opportunities to develop our relationship. I choose to follow You. Today, I take one step closer to the Best Me I Can Be.