Lesson 3

I AM and you are...

I AM the Gate

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Isaiah 22:15-25		
This is what the Lord, the LORD Almighty, says:		
 "Go, say to this steward, to Shebna the palace administrator: ¹⁶ What are you doing here and who gave you permission to cut out a grave for yourself here, hewing your grave on the height and chiseling your resting place in the rock? ¹⁷ "Beware, the LORD is about to take firm hold of you and hurl you away, you mighty man. ¹⁸ He will roll you up tightly like a ball and throw you into a large country. There you will die and there the chariots you were so proud of will become a disgrace to your master's house. ¹⁹ I will depose you from your office, and you will be ousted from your position. 		
 ²⁰ "In that day I will summon my servant, Eliakim son of Hilkiah. ²¹ I will clothe him with your robe and fasten your sash around him and hand your authority over to him. He will be a father to those who live in Jerusalem and to the people of Judah. ²² I will place on his shoulder the key to the people of David whet he people on a shut end will be a factor of David whet he people on his shoulder the key to the people of David whet he people on his shoulder the key for the beam of the people of David whet he people of David Web the people of David Web t		
the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ²³ I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a seat ^[a] of honor for the house of his father. ²⁴ All the glory of his family will hang on him: its offspring and offshoots—all its lesser vessels, from the bowls to all the jars. ²⁵ "In that day," declares the LORD Almighty, "the peg driven into the firm place will give way; it will be sheared off and	Application What is God saying to you personally concerning your attitudes and actions? What specific steps do you need to take in response?	
will fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut down."The LORD has spoken.a. Or <i>throne</i>		

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John 10:1-10		
The Good Shepherd and His Sheep		
"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. ^[b] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.		
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Matthew 7:13-14

Revelation 3:7-8

Describe a time when you had a choice between a hard narrow gate and an easy wide gate. Which did you choose and why?

What is "the thief" trying to steal and destroy in your life right now? What is your hope in the present circumstances?