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John 6:47
Notice that it doesn’t say “hope so”, “maybe” but HAS eternal life, full and abundant, now and forever!
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John 10:10
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• What is Jesus revealing about you?
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