

Hearing the Voice of God & Intercession

Teaching Notes

- Acknowledge we all come to this topic from different perspectives & experiences (mention our value of being Interdenominational)
 - **Go into my story a little bit.**
 - Testimony - God is like Santa!
 - Mention John Bills' notes
 - "hearing the voice of the heavenly Father is a basic right of every child of God."
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- **Reflection questions:**
 - Do you hear from God? How?
 - For what reasons.
 - In big decisions, how do you know God's will?
 - What is God's voice like to you?
 - Do you depend on others to hear God's voice for you?
 - Are you afraid to hear him?
 - Where did you learn that?
 - **Dr. Chris Hall's study on the top questions asked at Eastern University**
 - Christian university in St. Davids, Pennsylvania
 - Do we get all that we ask for?
 - Does God censor or screen our prayers?
 - Does God hear the prayer of non-believers?
 - How is discernment related to prayer?
 - Does prayer really change things?

- Role of visualization in prayer? (Getting pictures)
- What happens if we fail to pray?
- Can we pray too much?
 - 1 thess
- Why do we talk so much in prayer?
- Does God get board when we pray?
- What about the mechanics of prayer? (Kneeling, bowing)
- Why do we pray “thy will be done?” Are we being fatalistic?
- If god already knows what im thinking about, and what I need... why do I have to pray?
- Is God teaching us? If so, what he is trying to teach you while you learn to pray?
 - Luke 11, “...Lord, teach us how to pray”
- Does God still speak through dreams and visions?
- How do we know when God is speaking?
- Is corporate prayer more powerful? If so, why?
- What does it mean to wrestle in prayer?
- How long should I pray?
- Relationship between the demonic and prayer?
- When should we give up? When does persistences how a lack of faith?
- How much is our faith related to “success” in prayer?
- How does doubt affect prayer?
- What about binding and loosing I prayer?
- Who Taught you how to pray?
- Structure of prayer?
- Does God show partiality?

- James says no.
- My mom died, theirs didnt... thats not fair... thats God showing partiality

- How was it in the beginning?

- The whole world was created by God speaking
- The first thing God says to Adam and Eve (Gen 1:28-30)
 - He blesses them
 - Told to have sex
 - Take over the world
 - Eat from every tree in the garden... except one.
 - INCLUDING the tree of life!
- **“God has always taken initiative to relate to man!”**

- First temptation

- “Did God actually say that?”
- Eve adds something we dont see God saying
 - “...neither shall you touch it...” (Gen 3:3)

- Gods response:

- Pokerhand technique
 - He just asks questions, doesn't nuke them!
 - Where are you? Who told you that? Did you eat from the tree?
 - See the same thing with Cain & Abel

- How does this work in our context in YWAM & discipleship?
 - **Story of Bobby seeing two students try to buy beer.**
- “Adam wasn’t seeking God, God was seeking Adam.”

- **Gods rebuke**
 - Snake - Eve - Man
 - “Welcome to the new world”
 - **Intro Gen 3:15, Activate Plan Jesus. Context to the entire bible**
 - God has to remove them due to the possibility of them eating from the tree of life.
 - One of the biggest acts of mercy

- **Cain and Abel**
 - More questions from God
 - Why are you angry, why has your face fallen, dont you know if you do well your offering will be accepted?!
 - (After the death of Abel) Where is Abel? What have you done?

- **Where is this wrath? This idea of God not communicating or zapping them when they messed up?**
 - There was punishment yes, but never out of character, and always wrapped in love.
 - Heb 12:6: For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

- When things started to change

- Exodus 20:18-21
- Notice the contrast of response between Moses and the people
 - Exo 3:4
- Moses is gone up on Mt. Sinai people for a long time
 - People freak out, ask Aaron to build a God:
 - “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Exo 32

- Is this that God wanted?

- John 10:27-28 Isaiah 48:17
- Romans 10:17 Psalm 48:14
- Hebrews 4:12 Proverbs 1:33
- Jeremiah 33:3 John 18:37
- Isaiah 55:11
- Hebrews 1:1-2
- Proverbs 8:34
- Proverbs 8:17
- Isaiah 30:21

- So what all are you hearing?!

- **Radio**

- Waves all around us, tune into stations, drop, then smash... did the waves go away?

- **4 main voices**

- Frozen 2 song, "into the unknown"
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1uoTMkhUiE>

- **Self**

- Are own good ideas, self preserving, self focused, exclusive
 - Human Reasoning & Desire
 - Prov 3:5-6
 - Prov 28:26
 - Is 55:8-9
 - 2 Cor 10:5

- **Others**

- Can be wise counsel. Words from others need to be submitted to God for confirmation as not all words from man are from God.
 - Good Examples:
 - Prov 12:15
 - Prov 11:14
 - Prov 24:6
 - Bad Examples:
 - 1 Kings 12:6-19
 - 1 Corinthians 15:33

- Exo 32

- **Testing Prophecies** (1 thes 5:19-21)

- The Bible gives a number of principles for testing a prophecy.
 - It must build up the body (1 Cor 14:4).
 - It must agree with Scripture (2 Tim 3:16).
 - It must exalt Jesus (John 16:13,14).
 - It must come true (Deut 18:22,22).
 - It must lead to God and obedience to him (Deut 13:1-5).
 - It must produce liberty (Rom 8:15).
 - It must produce life (2 Cor 3:6).
 - It must be attested to the Holy Spirit in each believer (1 John 2:27).

- **Enemy**

- **Why did Satan choose the form of a snake?!**
- It Obsesses, worries, condemns, discourages, confuses, pushes, frightens, rushes
- Often sounds like the voice of self
- The enemy can be very near, very subtle, quoting scripture. Silence in the Name of Jesus
- Demonic forces cannot know our thoughts, only our action & nature.
 - 1 Kings 8:39
- “What the Heck thoughts”

- God

- gentle, always building up, Calms, Comforts, Convicts, Encourages, Enlightens, Leads, Reassures, and Stills
 - Conviction vs Shame/guilt
- Love longs to communicate
 - **Lost car keys**
- Out-word focused, inclusive

- Ways that God speaks

- From the Bible
 - 2 Tim 3:16
- Inner voice/thoughts
 - Thoughts of your mind and your spirit. These can be thoughts placed by God in your mind. They can be either words or mental pictures.
 - Ramsey's thought
 - Since the HS lives inside us... why wouldn't we hear in from within?
- Scripture verses you've memorized
 - DTS memorization verses
- Reference numbers
 - **Should I go to china?**
 - Phil 4:3 & Mal 2:1
- Page numbers
- Plop method
- Audible voice
 - Exodus 3:4, Matthew 3:17, Acts 9:4-6, 1 kings 19:12

- Daily devotionals
- Inner peace
 - John 14:27, Romans 8:16, Phil 4:7
 - Increase the peace or take it away.
 - This is the way im going, save me from myself
- Other people
- Leadership
- Animals
 - Numbers 22:30
- Visions
 - Gen 15:1, Ezk 1:1, Dan 7:2, Jeremiah
- Dreams
 - Acts 2:17, Matt 2:14
- Angles
 - Ex 23:20-21, Gen 32:1
- Songs/Music
 - Psalms, Deut 31:19
 - **Little Drummer boy**
- Test messages?!
 - **Story of Blaine at the restaurant**
- **How to hear God?!**
 - Right out of Loren's book (page 200)
- If you know the Lord, you have already heard his voice!
 - "...it is that inner leading that brought you to Him in the first place!"

- **Fine Tuning for Hearing God**

1. Don't make guidance complicated.
 1. Its hard to NOT hear him if we really want to please and obey Him! If we stay humble he promises to guide us!
 1. Prov 16:9
 2. Submit to His Lordship
 3. Resist the Enemy
 4. Expect an answer
2. Allow him to speak to you the way HE chooses
3. Confess any sin
4. Use the "Axehead Principle"
 1. 2 kings 6
 2. If you've lost your way, go back to the last thing he told you to do.
5. Get your own leading.
 1. Don't depend on others
6. Don't talk about your guidance until God give you permission to do so.
 1. Pride, Presumption, missing Gods timing & bringing confusion to others
7. Use the "Wise men Principle"
 1. 3 wise men to find the star & Jesus
8. Beware of counterfeits
 1. Does your leading follow principles of the Bible? The HS will never contradict the Word of God.
9. Opposition of man is sometimes guidance from God
 1. Dont expect everything to go your way as a sign.
 2. The open door idea isnt always right.
 1. **Volkswagen Jetta story**
 1. Washer & Dryer getting paid for.

10. Every follower of Jesus has a unique ministry

1. "The will of God is doing and saying the right things in the right place with right people, at the right time, and in the right sequence, under the right leadership, using the right method, with the right attitude of heart."

11. Practice it!

12. Relationship is the most important reason for hearing the voice of the Lord!

1. LOVE LONGS TO COMMUNICATE!

Intercession

- Petitionary prayer vs intercession prayer

- Petitionary = for ourselves
- Intercession = others

- Definition: "The action of intervening on behalf of another."

- **Biblical examples:**

- Genesis 18:22-24 - "The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?"
- Exodus 32:11, 14 - "But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "O Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened." (NIV)
- Daniel 10:12 - "Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them." (NIV)
- Isaiah 53:12 - "Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

- Jesus!
 - Jesus is the ultimate intercessor.
 - He did the work that no man could do.
 - He offered his body as the sacrifice for the sin of humanity, making intercession between the Father and his creation.
 - We now have the privilege of spreading out the news of Jesus' intercessory work. "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." (2 Cor. 5:19-20 NIV).

- **What Intercession Accomplishes**

- Moves the hand of God
- Standing the gap for someone
- It ministers to the heart of God
- Works in the hearts of others

- **Role of HS in intercession**

- Think Gods Thoughts
 - Consistent with His character as revealed in the Word
- Pray Gods Prayers
 - Prayers that are on His heart
- Feel his feelings
 - Anger over sin, broken hearted over humanity, joy over salvation
 - We are made in His image, so God clearly has emotions!
- Do Gods work in his way

- Relax, its a learning process

- Real prayer is something learned - Luke 11:1 (Teaching the disciples the Lord's prayer)

- Socks & Rollercoasters

- God always meets us where we are and slowly moves us along into deeper things.
- We are free to questions, to experiment, and even fail, for we know that we are learning. - like a baby learning to take it's first steps and the parent being so excited and sharing with the grandparents who then show everyone else.

- OR to Jordan, Lady Ga Ga

- Somali pirates

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- Principles for effective Intercession

- Praise God for who He is
- Make sure your heart is clean before God by giving HS time to convict any unconfessed sin
 - Ps. 66:18
- Acknowledge that you cant really pray effectively without the HS' enabling
 - It is only as the Holy Spirit is given access to pray through our cleansed, yielded, spirit controlled lives that we will become and remain effective intercessors.
- Deal aggressively with the enemy
 - James 4:7
- Die to your own imagination, desires, and burdens for what you feel you should pray
- Praise God now in faith for the remarkable prayer time you're going to have
- Wait before God in silent expectancy, listen for His direction
- Always have your bible with you, should God want to give you direction or confirmation from it.

- Ps. 119:105