

Hearing God's Voice – November 20, 2016 (Sunday morning service)

Recap: LOVE our emphasis.... on touching the world beyond our “*church mountain*”
*Getting involved in every facet of culture as influencers, and
making a difference*

Being “***Outward Focused***”

I believe ...we have so much “*GOD LIFE*” planted ***inside*** of us,
And God will use each of us to impact the lives of people all around us

God knows what He has placed ***inside*** of us
He desires for us to ***see ourselves*** from His perspective

He is wanting to get what He has placed **in** us, **out** of us.

Satan's mission is to keep us from knowing ***who we are*** and ***what we have*** in Christ

To keep us “***Inward Focused***”

Believing that we don't have anything to give to those around us

But the truth is.....**we are so loaded in God** – *when you wake up, hell trembles!*

God is inviting us to go out and ***mix it up*** with people,
He wants us to be “**seen**” by the world

God wants us to be “visible” not “invisible”

Visible as people who love Him in every *mountain of society*

Ex. How “*maternity clothing*” has changed.....tent/tight

“prophetic picture” – what God is birthing in the church in this hour
needs to be seen!!

*Matt. 5: 14-16 “YOU are the light of the world....a city on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they
put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the
same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your
good deeds, and praise your Father in heaven”*

Like that ***lamp on a stand*** – God is putting each of us in a “***visible place***”
(out side the church setting) to impact the lives of others

God has a special destiny and purpose for each of our lives

Each of us has a “***significant role***” to play in His “***kingdom purposes***”

To be able to walk in our ***“divine destiny”***

To be able to be a ***“Godly influence in every realm of society.....”***

We must develop our ability to hear God’s voice

Everyone has been created to receive communication from God

Ex. *When we entered into a relationship with Him, we heard His Voice*

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice”

Our God is a relational God (*He wants to **share Himself** with us*)

There is so much that He desires to talk to us about

First, ***He wants to talk to us about US***

He wants to show us ***how He sees us*** (*establish our identity in Him*)

He wants us to know that we are ***“fearfully and wonderfully made”***

Then, ***He wants to talk to us about OTHERS***

He wants to show us ***how He sees people***

He wants us to be able to connect people to His heart

Genesis 1:27 – each one of us has been made in the image of God

God shares with us the ***“God things”*** in people’s lives.....

So we can share with people.....

How they have been ***uniquely designed and destined*** by God

Most people know what is “wrong” with them,

But they don’t know what is “right”.

Our Mission: *as we representing God in this world, is to.....*

Call forth the best in people; to help them see **who God is** and **who they truly are** and how God has designed them

This works inside the church and outside the church too.

Our purpose in hearing God’s voice is to bring ***encouragement, strength,*** and ***comfort.***

1 Cor. 14:3 – “But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement, and comfort”

Ex. People reluctant to receive prophetic ministry

Even when God is encouraging us to ***change,***

His desire is ***to help us be the best we can be*** and to draw us closer to Him

God desires relationship with us

He is a loving, caring, and communicating God

We represent Him well when we share words from His heart, that give people **hope**

Prophetic revelation always brings hope

In my experience with teaching classes on the prophetic.....

Many people have felt that God's voice is:

Ex. Hard to hear – *Charlie Brown's mother*

Ex. Infrequent – *"I thought that God would only speak to me 2 or 3 times throughout my entire life"*

Ex. Silent - *I have never found Him to be that way*

He may not be talking to you about what you want Him to be talking about

Ex. Who you are to marry, what you are to do for your entire life

God loves "**Process**" - He loves to walk with us on a *day by day*

adventure to discover the answers to these important questions

Also, He is an incurable romantic – He doesn't always speak to us

"upfront", especially about things of the heart

(Like some spiritual business deal)

Most times..... He leads us in discovery through "**process**"

Ex. Many times people come for prophetic ministry with a situation that they want God to speak into.

I have seen that..... Most times God does not speak to that situation

It has been my experience that.....

God wants to speak to me directly about these things

We can get "**tunnel vision**" about one issue and God must

speak about that situation, or we feel He is not speaking at all.

God desires to give us a bigger picture, then we are currently seeing

He wants to expand the way we "see" life

We must be open to hear Him speaking about anything He desires to speak about

Ex. Adoption (*several years later – Dave's battle with cancer*)

In my experience with teaching classes on the prophetic.....

Most people were hearing God, but did not recognize that what they were hearing was Him

They simply needed **awareness** of the many *different ways that He speaks*

God's voice is seldom a "**word for word**" **message** that you hear in your head

This was the way the **prophets in the OT** received a message from God – they would repeat, **word for word, audible statements** spoken to them by God

Their assignment was to **repeat God's message** exactly as they received it
Ex. *That is why they got stoned if they messed it up!*

Today, the way we hear God:

We don't repeat exact "*word for word statements*" as dictated to us by God.

Because of our relationship with Him, **revelation** that He gives us is more **perceived** in our Spirit than **directly received**

We "**perceive**" a message from God as we experience

God's thoughts, emotions, and feelings

And then put what we are "sensing" into words

Only in the context of an ongoing relationship with God can we understand His personal communication with us

We each have individual ways of connecting with God,
Unique ways of hearing His voice

This becomes **the challenge** in coaching people to hear from God:

..... hearing from Him is intensely personal and even individually symbolic

Ex. Picture of a dog

Holy Spirit is an awesome teacher, and is committed to help us hear

The Holy Spirit helps us to *stay connected* to God through out the day,

Staying connected is vital to the development of our relationship with God

Ex. *Dave and I calling or texting throughout the day*

(I feel it when we have had an exceptionally busy day and haven't had the time to connect)

Sometimes all we need to be able to "hear God's voice" and to connect with Him is simple Awareness:

Being aware of His Presence, when you are just waking up in the morning,
Ex. *song for the day*

Being aware of *random thoughts* that pass through your mind,
Totally unrelated to what you were just thinking, and **acting on them**

Ex. Call a friend.....right now, talk to that man sitting alone in the mall

Rachel Hickson - "you'll never know till you give it a go"

We so want to make sure the **thought we have** is a "**word from God**"
before we act on it

Randy Clark - "If you wait to move until you are "sure" that God is speaking, you will miss the majority of words God is saying"

The Holy Spirit lives in us, so many of our thoughts come from Him.

It takes practice to discern a "God thought"

Hebrews 5:14 - "our spiritual senses are trained through practice"

Through practice..... Our ability to "hear God" can grow!

Ex. like practicing a piano

Being aware of what God may be showing you: **(God speaks.....)**

In dreams

In repeated experiences, *(seeing 3:33 on the clock all the time)*

Through a sensation that you feel in your body *(a WOK for healing?)*

Through an emotion *(that someone around you could be feeling)*

Through a "knowing" *(you don't know how you know something, but you do.....it is not an **intellectual knowing**, but a knowing that happens **in your spirit, through your heart**)*

Through pictures in your mind *(most times the interpretation of what you are seeing has to do with what the picture means to you)*

Through our "**spiritual senses**" - we can see, smell, hear, feel, taste

Through internal visions, external visions, open visions

Being aware of the many ways God speaks to us

Read books, attend Training classes,
Talk to people – find out how God speaks to them

Being aware how God is moving in the people around you

Ex. Many times God is highlighting someone that He wants us to speak to
When this happens.....open a conversation with God about that person.
Ask God questions. Ask Him what He wants to say to that person

Each of us has a **“significant role”** to play in God’s **“kingdom purposes”**

To be able to be a **“Godly influence in every realm of society.....”**

We can develop our ability to hear God’s voice through daily interaction with Him

Sharing **God-words of encouragement** with people will change the planet
And tangibly demonstrate God’s heart for every person

How much He **loves** them **and** who He has **designed** them to be

This **“divine encouragement”** creates in people a **base of operation** for the Holy Spirit to move in their lives

So many people have believed **lies** about God,
They have a distorted picture of who He is

As we speak, His **truth** begins to resonate within them
to dispel the lies and create connection
between them and their Heavenly Father

The “invisible” God, being made “visible” through His children.

I would like to pray over us for an **“awareness anointing”** –
that we would be able to recognize the many ways God is speaking to us
and
that we, being **“rooted and grounded”** in love
will be able to **see** and **prophesy** the **“greatness”**
over our lives and the lives of other people

For the display of His Splendor in all the earth.
(read Isaiah 61:1-7)

