

Death to Life: Pt 4 - Learning To Listen

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Proverbs 29:18 Message If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Acts 2:17 NIV "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Habakkuk 1:5-10 NIV "Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. 6 I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. 7 They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor. 8 Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like an eagle swooping to devour; 9 they all come intent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand. 10 They mock kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; by building earthen ramps they capture them.

Habakkuk 2:1-2 NLT I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the Lord says and how he will answer my complaint. 2 Then the Lord said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others.

Learning To Listen

1) Withdraw.

Luke 5:16 NIV But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

2) Wait.

Psalm 46:10 NIV He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;

Psalm 62:5 NLT Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

3) Read God’s Word.

Stop listening for a voice, and start looking for a verse.

Psalm 119:11 NLT I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

4) Write.

5) Review.

What are you seeing now?

Ephesians 1:17-18 NIV 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

2 Kings 3:9-14 NIV 9 So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them.

10 “What!” exclaimed the king of Israel. “Has the Lord called us three kings together only to deliver us into the hands of Moab?” 11 But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no prophet of the Lord here, through whom we may inquire of the Lord?” An officer of the king of Israel answered, “Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.” 12 Jehoshaphat said, “The word of the Lord is with

him.” So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. 13 Elisha said to the king of Israel, “Why do you want to involve me? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.” “No,” the king of Israel answered, “because it was the Lord who called us three kings together to deliver us into the hands of Moab.” 14 Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you.

2 Kings 3:15 NIV But now bring me a harpist.” While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came on Elisha.

1) Dreams are birthed in God’s presence.

2 Kings 3:16 NKJV And he said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Make this valley full of ditches.’

2) Dreams go from inspiration to participation.

2 Kings 3:17-18 NKJV 17 For thus says the Lord: ‘You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.’ 18 And this is a simple matter in the sight of the Lord; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.

3) Dreams must continue regardless of what is seen.