11/15/26 Message

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Message: How Do I Hear From God

Series: Follow

Background

> *I'm approaching this series as if we are all in the same stage of our journey with Jesus, at the beginning. For some, this will be a review, but for most it will be a guide for what comes next. For all of us, if we'll let God work in and through us, we'll grow closer to Jesus and each other.*
>
> *—Pastor Chad*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)
19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

> *It's a circle of life with Jesus at the center. When you jump on the circle, it should be your goal to reach out and grab everyone you can and pull them on the circle with you. There's a lot more to it, but it's a great illustration. When you commit your life to Jesus and you commit to following Jesus, then you become His disciple. It's like being a student. You're only a student as long as you choose to be. That's the problem with this thing we call the spiritual journey. So many of us choose Jesus when we need Him, but when life is good, we forget all about Him. We stop being a student!*
>
> *—Pastor Chad*

- The spiritual journey is intended to be a LIFELONG commitment where you start and never stop.

Is God Speaking to You?

> *I want to know God better. I want his direction in my life. I want to understand what he wants for me. But often, the problem isn't that God is silent, the problem is I'm not listening. The problem is, I'm not paying attention to the one I'm supposed to be following.*
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> *—Pastor Chad*

- God SPEAKS

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NLT)
1 Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets.
2 And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

- We can hear from Jesus through PRAYER and through the BIBLE

Prayer

John 15:7 (NLT)
But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

> *That doesn't mean Jesus is your genie in a bottle. Jesus made this statement the night before his crucifixion. He gathered his disciples together and he's talking about their relationship. He's telling them, if you remain deeply connected to me, your desires will change. Your heart will change. You'll start wanting what I want for you. You'll start doing what I want you to do. If you remain in me and I remain in you, then ask for anything you want, because if we're that connected, you want what I want, and I'll make sure it happens! I'll answer your prayers!*
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> *—Pastor Chad*

It's clarified in:
1 John 5:14-15 (NLT)
14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for

anything that pleases him.
15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

Psalm 46:10 (NLT)
Be still, and know that I am God!

Luke 22:42 (NLT)
Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.

His Word

– Read ***2 Timothy 3:16-17***
– Read ***John 1:1***
– Read ***Psalm 119:105***
– Read ***Hebrews 4:12***

His Holy Spirit

– Read ***John 14:26***

> *We need discernment. That's a big word and it means being able to tell whether something is real or fake, whether something is good or bad, whether something is positive or negative. It comes from a Latin word that means to separate or to distinguish. Instead of reacting to the surface of a situation, discernment looks deeper to understand character, motives, consequences, and hidden realities. We need discernment. Sometimes we think we're being led by the spirit but in reality, we're being led by the enemy, our own selfish motives, or peer pressure. Discernment allows us to determine, is this from God or is it not from God.*
>
> *—Pastor Chad*

If you're not saved, the Holy Spirit is missing from your life, but if you are saved, the Spirit lives inside of you!

– Read ***John 14:26***

Competition

> *You live in a world full of competing voices. Everything and everyone is fighting for your attention. Being a disciple means you decide whose voice matters most, and it is always the voice of Jesus! The first disciples didn't know it all, didn't have all the answers, and really were flying by the seat of their tunics when Jesus said, follow me! They just trusted him and they did it! Blind faith. Had no idea where he would lead them or what their life would be like. He just lit their path, one step at a time. And without questioning or arguing, they followed! One step at a time! That's what a disciple does!*
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> *—Pastor Chad*

Assignment

– Carve some time out of your day, more than once, and talk with him… pray.
– Carve some time out of your day, more than once and read His Word… study the Bible.
– Carve some time out of your day, more than once, and practice listening for the Holy Spirit… discernment.

Because God is speaking to you!
Are you willing to listen?
Are you willing to follow?