

YOU...

KNOW...

GOD'S... VOICE!

LAST WEEK:

*'THE HOLY SPIRIT... WITH POWER!'*

*DISCERNABLE. RECOGNIZABLE. DETECTABLE.*

SO...

*If it's not detected...*

*Does that mean that it's not... detectable!?*

*Or... do our 'power-detection' sensors*

*need some help??*

*A broken Geiger-counter*

*Will not register any radiation*

*Even in the middle of a nuclear blast!*

*IF WE DON'T HEAR GOD'S VOICE...*

*SOME WOULD SAY...*

*That he's not talking...*

OR...

*That he hasn't yet given us spiritual ears to hear him...*

*BUT I BELIEVE...*

*We can learn how to*

*TUNE IN TO HIS VOICE... AND LISTEN!!*

*MEDITATING ON SCRIPTURE...*

*WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...*

*SHARPENS OUR 'CHRIST-IN-US' SENSORS!*

*“Well... Christians that become  
Too subjective and experiential...  
Become really goofy sometimes!”*

*YEP! TRUE!!*

*But I believe that it's also true...*

*That we can learn to recognize*

*God's voice...*

*SUBJECTIVELY...AND EXPERIENTIALLY...*

*WITHOUT BECOMING*

*Mystical. Spooky. Hyper-spiritual...*

*Emotion-guided or feeling-based!*

*WE CAN LIVE TUNED IN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT...*

*WHILE REMAINING SOLIDLY...*

*SCRIPTURE-BASED!*

*Established at every point by 2 or 3*

*clear Scripture references [\*\*witnesses\*\*].*

*Being submitted to a fine,*

*trustworthy group of counselor-friends...*

*And being a committed part of a Church family!*

*Not independent!*

*THE TRINITY DOESN'T HAVE TO*

*SPLIT UP*

*... IN ORDER TO BE FREE!!]*

*Ps 68.6 - God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious  
dwell in a dry land.*

*WITHIN that framework*

*Of mutual submission and respect...*

*within that security...*

*LIFE in the Holy Spirit...*

*FLOWS FREELY!!!*

*Jn 5.39-40 - 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they WHICH TESTIFY OF ME. 40 BUT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO COME TO ME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE.*

*Heb 4.12 - "Word is alive"*

*Heb 4.2 - "Doesn't help..."*

*Not mixed with faith!"*

*SCRIPTURAL 'BRAIN KNOWLEDGE'...*

*REQUIRES THE HOLY SPIRIT'S HELP*

*REVEALING IT...*

*TO DO US ANY GOOD!*

*The 'exit sign' saves you in a fire...*

*If you follow it to the door!*

*But if you hug the sign?*

*You've missed the point!*

*ONE DANGER:*

*WE BECOME INDEPENDENT AND IRRATIONAL!*

*BUT*

*THERE'S ALSO*

*ANOTHER DANGER:*

*It's possible for us to live in a rank-and-file...*

*cookie-cutter Christianity...*

*Conforming to Church culture...codes and policies...*

*And have all our scriptural knowledge...*

*Organized neatly in our brains*

*Like alphabetical note cards*

*in a rolodex file...*

*All our scriptural ducks*

*lined up in a row...*

*And still not depend on the Holy Spirit...*

*of WHOM these same Scriptures testify!*

*JESUS SAID:*

*I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS...*

*BUT I WILL SEND YOU...*

*ANOTHER COMFORTER!*

*HE... will teach you!*

*HE... will lead you!!*

*QUESTION:*

*HAS JESUS SENT HIM?*

*HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM??!*

*YOU ...KNOW ...HIS ...VOICE!*

*GOD SAYS YOU DO!!*

*You may not detect it...*

*BUT...*

*IT'S DETECTABLE!*

*RECOGNIZABLY DISTINCT...*

*FROM YOUR OWN MIND!!*

*Jn 10.1-5 - "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep BY NAME and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his*

*voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."*

*Jn 10.13 - 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.*

*Jn 10.27-30 - 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them ETERNAL LIFE, and they shall NEVER PERISH; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."*

**\*\*ASSEMBLY OF GOD\*\***

*"I'll do my talking in the ring [on the field]!"*

*FOR 3 YEARS:*

*"BOB: YOU... KNOW... MY... VOICE!!"*

*1 Year of marriage chaos!*

**\*\*JOHN PAUL JACKSON\*\***

**\*\*TWO TACOS\*\***

**\*\*RING IT OUT LIKE A BELL!\*\***

**\*\*TELL THEM THAT YOU KNOW MY VOICE!\*\***

*400*

*Ellison*

*Gold ring Dream!!*

*"BOB! God started talking to you!"*

*REALLY??*

*He had been saying for years:*

*YOU... KNOW... MY... VOICE!!*

*WAS IT THEN... THAT HE STARTED TALKING?*

*OR...*

*DID I FINALLY BEGIN TO BELIEVE... AND...*

*PAY ATTENTION TO HIS VOICE?*

SEE...

THIS STORY ISN'T REALLY ABOUT ME!

IT'S REALLY... ABOUT YOU!

WHEN... DO YOU KNOW GOD'S VOICE?

AND...

WHEN DO YOU FINALLY

BELIEVE THAT YOU DO

... AND BEGIN PAYING ATTENTION TO IT?

YOU CAN START TODAY!

Even before you leave church!

IT'S A FORM OF

"SEEKING GOD"

**\*\*DAVE DUELL 'PRACTICING'\*\***

"I trust God! I just don't trust ME!"

YOU TRUST GOD? ... REALLY??

THEN TRUST HIM...

WHEN HE TELLS YOU

THAT YOU KNOW HIS VOICE!

IT'S ...DETECTABLE!!

And ... spend time in the Scriptures...

And the Spirit...

To sharpen your

VOICE-DETECTORS!!

*Heb 8.10-12 - 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall*

*know Me, FROM THE LEAST OF THEM TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”*

*YOU KNOW HIM...*

*AND*

*YOU KNOW HIS VOICE!*

*Not only for ministry!*

*Not only for prophetic moments in public!*

*BUT ALSO FOR... L-I-F-E!*

*For every private moment*

*Of your existence!!*

*Fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit...*

*A warm, intimate ...hand-in-hand*

*Stroll through the park with Jesus!*

*Your antenna shouldn't go up...*

*... then come back down*

*[\*\*MY FAVORITE MARTIAN\*\*].*

*They should... STAY up!*

*TILL YOU BEGIN*

*WALKING... IN THE SPIRIT!*

*THE RIGHTEOUS WILL... LIVE... BY FAITH!*

*'VOICE DITCHES' TO AVOID:*

*USING OBEDIENCE*

*TO BUY FAVOR & BLESSING*

*God's voice wasn't given to you*

*To impose God's will on you [robot] ... becoming*

*legalistic, burdensome and oppressive...*

*controlling your decisions.*

*Robbing your freedom!*

**DON'T TRY TO USE GOD'S VOICE**

**AS A TICKET...**

*So that if you obey it enough... you can...*

**BUY YOUR WAY**

**OUT OF CONDEMNATION...**

**OR...**

**TO EARN GOD'S BLESSING... AND POWER!**

*Christ has done that! Once for all!*

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO EARN FAVOR AND GRACE!**

*GRACE... applies to our redemption...*

*but also to our perfection!*

**GRACE IS EVERYTHING**

**FROM BEGINNING TO END**

**IN GOD!**

*Anything we do to earn favor from God...*

*is UNACCEPTABLE to him!*

**BECAUSE...**

**IT INSULTS HIS SON'S SACRIFICE...**

**AND...**

**HE DOESN'T WANT US TO GET**

**STUCK IN THAT RUT!!**

**WE CAN USE GRACE... OR NOT!**

**WE CAN IGNORE IT... WASTE IT...**



OR

... ENGAGE WITH IT!

BUT... WE CAN NEVER...

EARN IT... DESERVE IT... OR MERIT IT!

*Rom 11.6 - 6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.*

OUR ONLY RESPONSIBILITY IS...

TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE GOD'S GRACE...

IN VIEW OF CHRIST'S FINISHED WORK...

AND RECEIVE IT!

THEN...

WE'RE FREE TO USE IT...

OR WASTE IT!!

*And any Bema-seat rewards that we get...*

*won't come from OUR hard work...*

*but will come from our allowing GRACE...*

*to do IT'S hard work...*

THROUGH us!!

SO ...

WHY WOULD WE TUNE IN TO GOD'S VOICE...

IF NOT TO EARN POINTS WITH HIM?

BECAUSE

*we know that Christ*

*has bought us...*

*The opportunity to develop and cultivate...*

*A voluntary, free-will, hand-in-hand*

*Walking-through-life-kind-of-relationship*

*with the Holy Spirit!*

*THE CHANCE TO JOIN*

*IN THE SAME FELLOWSHIP...*

*THE SAME PARTNERSHIP...*

*THAT THE TRINITY ITSELF*

*SHARES IN DAILY!!*

*FAITH PARALYSIS*

*PROBLEM SOLVERS:*

*#1 – WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?*

*SOMEBODY DRIVES DOWN THE ROAD...*

*And feels that the Holy Spirit is saying: "Turn right!"*

*That COULD be their imagination!*

*There are crazy people out there...*

*believing God is telling them to do*

*crazy things!*

*Maybe for psychological reasons.*

*Maybe heard some Christian teaching*

*that confused them.*

*Maybe they're trying to earn points!*

*MY QUESTION IS...*

*IS IT SAFER TO*

*WITHDRAW OUR HEADS*

*BACK INTO OUR*

*NATURAL-LIFE TURTLE SHELLS...*

AND NOT TRY TO RECOGNIZE GOD...

THAN IT IS TO...

GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF LEARNING...

TO LISTEN TO HIS VOICE?

NO...WAY!!

You're left with the guidance  
of your own soul then!

And THAT'S... going to take you...

NOWHERE!!

WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT

TO START LIVING THE 'SPIRIT-LED LIFE' ...

AND WALKING THE 'SPIRIT-LED WALK'!

THAT CAN HAPPEN RIGHT NOW!

THIS VERY SECOND!

YOU DON'T NEED GOD TO DO ANYTHING!

HE'S ALREADY DONE IT ALL FOR YOU!

YOU... ALREADY...

KNOW... GOD'S... VOICE!

*2 K 7.3-4 – 3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? 4 If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die."*

#2 – THE FEAR OF

'NOT BEING PERFECT AT IT' ...

IS A TRAP!!

*1 Cor 14.29 - 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.*

*'Pile of bodies behind the church?'*

*1 Thess 5.19-22 - 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.*

*PRACTICE LISTENING...*

*AND THEN ...TEST YOURSELF!*

*BEYOND 'MINISTRY-LISTENING'...*

*THERE'S...'LIFE-STYLE-LISTENING!'*

*You won't be perfect!*

*Expect to learn!*

*You think he's talking to you?*

*Test it! Try it! Step out!*

*You'll grow!*

*SUGGESTION: BE BAPTIZED!! THEN...*

*BEGIN IN...*

*Secret... within yourself.*

*LATER*

*...you share... with people you trust.*

*THEN*

*in public gatherings...*

*"I think God's saying..."*

*UNTIL*

*THE HOLY SPIRIT*

*IS MANIFESTING HIMSELF*

*THROUGH YOU...*

*ANYWHERE... ANYTIME...*

*WITH ANYBODY!*

*YOU DON'T NEED A TITLE...*

*TO LIVE THE SPIRIT-LED LIFE!!*

*DON'T NEED A POSITION!*

*YOU NEED TO... TUNE IN...*

*TO THE HOLY SPIRIT!!*

*THAT'S ALL!!*