

Frequency

Recognize Through Relationship

- Finishing up our series today on hearing the voice of God.
- God wants us to recognize His voice through relationship. Jesus has given us the right to be children of God. We can hear God through this relationship.
- The Bible begins with God talking to Adam and Eve then ends with Him talking to John. He talks all through the Bible.
- It's so sad for those who think He doesn't speak anymore. (Bait and switch: tell people He wants a personal relationship, but He doesn't talk)
- Have you ever put together a swing set or something? It's a lot easier when there's someone there helping you.

"If God doesn't speak today, then the greatest disservice we could ever do to people is to tell them they can have a personal relationship with God."

Dallas Willard

Our Highest Priority

Genesis 3:8-10 (NKJV)

⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

- "I heard Your voice, and I was afraid" People were never afraid of the voice of God until sin.
- God created them to walk and talk with God. He came that day to spend time with His kids. Open communication with God is what Satan came after in the garden.

Ex. Hymn "In the Garden" And He walks with me, and He talks with me and tells me.... This is about Mary Magdalen meeting Jesus at the resurrection. You've probably heard about the little boy at church who asked his mom, "who is Andy? Andy walks and Andy talks?"

- Sin messed up our ability to walk and talk with God so He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from sin so that we can walk and talk with Him in the garden again.
- This is why Jesus came: to restore our ability to walk and talk with God
- I can teach you methods, doctrine, theology about hearing God's voice but you must develop the personal relationship with Him.
- We can become so familiar with His voice that we recognize it easily through the noise. How? Spend time with God, walking and talking. (Doing life for God vs. doing life with God)

Our Highest Pursuit

Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)

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- 2 trees in the Eden (Tree of Life and Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil)
- God never designed us to live choosing between good and evil. He designed us to live hearing His voice. Notice He told them not to eat of the tree of Good and Evil. He didn't want us to know Good and Evil, living in a constant state of flux: "Is this good or bad?"
- We are either pursuing Life or Good and Evil

- **CONSCIENCE**
 - Let your conscience be your guide? Kind of!
 - God gave us our conscience to lead us to Him. Our conscience isn't our guide. The voice of God is our guide!

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- If your conscience isn't cleansed by the blood of Jesus, then you'll serve God with dead works. What does this mean? We'll try to do things to get to God instead of going to Him to receive grace to do good.

- **FAITH (Hearing God)**

1 Timothy 1:19 (NLT)

Cling to your faith in Christ and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.

- It's Faith and Conscience. How does faith come? HEARING! (Rom 10:17)
- God create us to live from the Tree of Life: Hearing the Voice of God. It's our highest pursuit, not living between right and wrong, good and bad.

Our Highest Passion

Luke 10:38-42 (NKJV)

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And ^[b]Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

- One thing is needed: sit at His feet and hear His voice. We've talked about how God speaks, that we are sheep and can hear His voice, that we can prophesy, how to confirm his voice through counsel, the Word, and peace, how to steward it well, but the only thing that someone can't do for you is sit at His feet and hear His voice. This comes through a personal relationship.
- Pastors and friends can hear God with you but not for you. (People have tried for years)
- Someone else can't keep your appointment with God. A missed appointment leads to disappointment.
- When God wanted to speak to Israel in the desert, He called them all to the top of the mountain, but they were afraid and sent Moses. They stood far off but Moses drew close...God spoke to Him as a friend.
- This is the most important thing you can do: Develop a personal relationship with God by hearing His voice. (Marriages, children, single)

Will you make a commitment to God today, to develop your personal relationship with Him and learn to hear Him more clearly?