

Frequency

Value His Voice

1 Samuel 3:1 (NKJV)

Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.

- We think of “rare” as “limited” but the Hebrew use here means “valuable”
- The word of the Lord was valuable or weighty
- Today’s message will be the most practical so far.
- **If you want to hear the voice of God, you must set a value on it.**
- We make time for what we value most, and our lives follow the direction of the voices that we value the most.
- When we learn to value God’s voice above the rest, our steps become ordered by Him.

1. Set an Appointment

Exodus 19:10-11 (NKJV)

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow and let them wash their clothes. ¹¹ And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

¹⁹ And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

- God spoke, Moses spoke but notice God set an appointment. Have the people get ready.
- This is simple but, a missed appointment becomes a disappointment. If we don’t set it, then we’ll miss it. A lot of disappointment can be connected to not learning to set an appointment with God.
- We’ll set appointments to meet with people we don’t even like, but we won’t set an appointment with the most important voice in our life.
- Can we hear God throughout the day in our coming and going? Of course! But there’s something powerful and special when you set (consecrate) face time with the Lord.

Ex: *Amy and I can always get ahold of each other. We text and chat throughout the day but there’s nothing like when we meet face to face. It may be a walk or time on the swing but it’s intentional and personal.*

Luke 5:16 (Message)

As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer.

- You can have a busy life or a full life. What makes the difference is setting a regular appointment with God.

- Date, Time, and Place. God comes to a prepared atmosphere.

2. Be Still and Worship

Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)

Be still and know that I am God.

2 Chronicles 20:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord,

- Standing Still is the hardest thing for people to do in hearing God.
- And worship! After God told them to stand still, He told them to send a worship team out to the battlefield. As they worshiped their enemies destroyed each other. The people didn't lift a sword. How would you like that?
- Most people skip this and go straight to prayer and reading the Word.
- The most important thing you can do to hear God is *still and worship*. It comes before God speaks.
- Worship sets the table for God to speak. It's like a tuning fork. It helps tune into the frequency of Heaven.

3. Pray and Read

Mark 1:35 (NKJV)

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Psalm 119:147 (NKJV)

I rise before the dawning of the morning, and cry for help; I hope in Your word.

What to pray?

- o What's on your heart. (Family, Finances, Work, Health)
 - If you don't then it will limit your ability to hear God.
 - "Well, I'm not trusting God if I pray." Prayer is how you trust God.
 - Cast your cares on Lord, for He cares(carries) for you.
 - Praying and thinking are different.

Where to read?

- o Get a Bible you can understand. Word for word or thought for thought.
 - Study? Use an exact equivalency version but for reading, get something easy to understand.
 - Where do I read in the Bible? On the inside.

4. Listen and Write

Psalm 45:1 (Message)

My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness, I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words.

1 Chronicles 28:19

¹⁹ *"All this," said David, "the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."*

Habakkuk 2:2

² *Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."*

- This is where we capture what God is saying (write prayers and what you hear God saying through the passage you read)
- You will move from writing in 3rd person to 1st person. Instead of "God is saying I need to trust Him" to "God is saying, 'Trust me'."
- It will help you see God is speaking to you!
- I'm thankful to God for all that He has done for me, but I treasure the words He has spoken to me. I can look back over my life and they are defining moments with God.
- Amy and I want that for every person at LifeGate.
- This is the greatest joy of the Christian walk is to hear God through a personal relationship.

Will you open the door?

Revelation 3:20 (VOICE)

Now pay attention; I am standing at the door and knocking. If any of you hear My voice and open the door, then I will come in to visit with you and to share a meal at your table, and you will be with Me.

- Laodicea was positioned in a heavily resourced area and the people who lived there had comfortable lives.
- They prided themselves on their ability to provide for themselves. (They rebuilt their city in 60AD)
- This attitude of self-sufficiency spilled over into the church. They thought they had it all together and figured out.
- Anyone would have understood this image. The church had left Jesus standing at the door.

RESPONSE

- Lord, I'm choosing to value your voice and committing to set a date, time, and place.
- Join a Frequency Group this week and dig deeper.