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LISTEN TO THE SERMON HERE

Series Focus: How hearing God is the normal Christian life.

Today's Focus: Ministry to Others through listening to God on their behalf

Deuteronomy 6:6-7a (NIV) : "4 <u>HEAR</u>, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **5** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <u>6</u> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <u>7</u> Impress them on your children.

Supporting Passages (NIV) :

Exodus 33:7-11: 7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. 8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. 9 As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. 10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. 11 The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

John 8:12-17: 12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 13 The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. 17 In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true.

1 Corinthians 14:3: the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

Isaiah 9:6: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called <u>Wonderful Counselor (or the one who guides us)</u>..."

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION FOR YOU & YOUR VILLAGE

Deuteronomy 6:6-7a : What does it mean to "impress" a word upon someone? How does that differ from "forcing" a word upon someone? From "suggesting"?

Exodus 33:7-11: Where is your "tent of meeting" with God? If you don't have one, what practical steps can you take this week to begin building a consistent practice and place for meeting with God?

John 8:12-17 : Who is speaking into your life, challenging and confirming God's callings and desires for you? How do these people clarify your understanding of God's plan? Are you hearing them at a deep level?

1 Corinthians 14:3: What purpose(s) do the words or ideas received serve, when you listen to God? What power do those words hold? How can this village encourage you to speak those words, even if the message is painful or confusing?

APPLICATION (NEXT STEP THIS WEEK)

1.) SET a phone alarm to spend 5 minutes each day this week to **LISTEN** undistracted to God. Ask God to tell you the truth about your identity in Christ.

2.) ASK God for words of encouragement and edification that build up another person in the ASC community, your family, a friend, or a co-worker. Ask to share with them.