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## Hearing God

Part 5: Stewarding God's Voice





How do we respond to God's voice? When we do hear him, will we respond to his prompting?



#### How well do you steward God's voice?



## Simply put: When God speaks how inclined are you to respond?



## Open to 2 Kings 5 as we look at 3 truths about stewarding God's voice:

- 1. Address Your Internal Resistance
- 2. Accept God's Voice Above Your Own
- 3. Act on What He's Said



#### 1. Address Your Internal Resistance

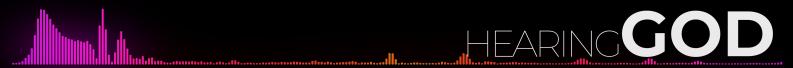


## 2 Kings 5:8-12

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

## 2 Kings 5:8-12

11 But **Naaman was angry** and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

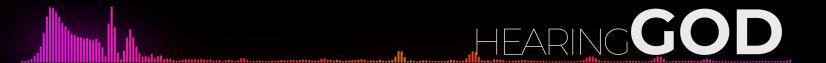


#### Luke 8:18

<sup>18</sup> Take care then **how you hear**, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."



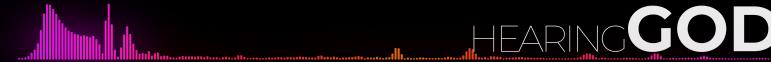
Have you ever felt prompted to call someone, send a text, but were busy doing something and just forgot?



Have you ever felt prompted to call someone to work on a relationship but just ignored it because it was too stressful/painful to deal with it right now?



Have you ever sensed a nudging to share your God story with someone but held back because ....(whatever)?



#### Stay hungry to hear God's voice!



#### 2. Accept God's Voice Above Your Own



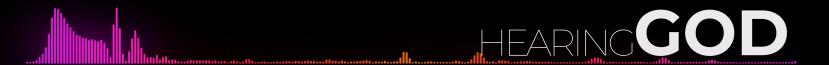
## 2 Kings 5:13

13 But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

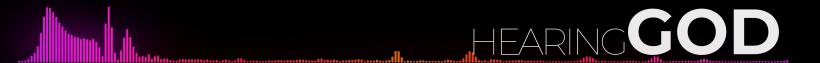


### Proverbs 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and <u>do not</u> lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

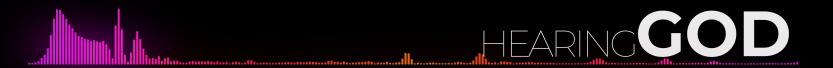


#### 3. Act on What He's Said



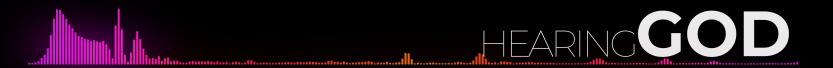
## 2 Kings 5:14-15

<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of **God**, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel;



#### Isaiah 55:10-11

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



#### Start with the small things



#### Surrender to the bigger things



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