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“Come near to GOD and HE will come near to you.”
-James 4:8a (Nlrv)

I have a little friend, who shall remain nameless, but now that we have gotten to know one another pretty well, she has opened up and talks. A lot! When we are together I get to hear *all* about her week! She has very little filter and she tells me all about school, and play, and she even spills the tea about her siblings. I hear about her favorite books and favorite shows. I even get to hear about her fears. I feel *extremely* privileged that she trusts me and tells me just about everything that is happening in her young life. Sometimes, if she suspects that I am not paying adequate attention to all the details she will ask me if I am listening. And I always tell her that I am, and I will repeat back to her something she just said, just to confirm for her that I am still listening.

After one of our recent conversations, I was driving home and replaying her soliloquy in my mind, and thinking about her insecurities about whether or not I was listening to her, and something kinda struck me. Because how often do I do that when I am praying? I will go on and on and wonder if God heard me, or if he got bored with my endless petitions and requests and tuned me out. And then another thought occurred to me, do I tune God out? When He is speaking to me, do I just give Him the proverbial “mm-hmm” and go about my business?

I will save us the time and tell you that God isn't getting bored with our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says; ***“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”***

God is listening to all our prayers. All the time. He may not answer them the way we want, or in the time line that we want, but He is listening and He does answer our prayers. So I do not need to ask Him if He is still listening. But, maybe He should be asking me if I am.

We are constantly being bombarded with information. Visual stimuli from our phones, auditory stimuli from everywhere...sensory overload. Constantly. How then, in the midst of all that can we hear God? 1 Kings 19:11-12 says;

“And He said, ‘Go out and stand on the Mount before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD passed by and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.”

How can we possibly hear a whisper when the world is yelling at us?

That’s what we have spent the month talking about. The series is GOD SPEAKS and it has been a great way to get the kids to think about how and when GOD speaks to us. We started the series with God calling to Samuel from 1 Samuel 3. Samuel was just a little boy sleeping when he heard someone calling to him. Thinking it was Eli the priest, he ran to Eli only to be told to go back to sleep, that it wasn’t him. This happened 3 more times before Eli realized that it was God calling the boy. Samuel was told that if it happened again to respond with “Speak LORD for your servant hears.”

Our next lesson focused on the anointing of David by Samuel. Samuel was led by God into the desert to Jesse’s family to anoint one of Jesse’s 8 sons. Samuel met each son, convinced that the oldest, or the strongest, or the most handsome would be the one God was going to make the next king of Israel, but God ***told*** Samuel; ***“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as a man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”*** Samuel was listening to God, and heard God tell him that out of the 8 sons, the youngest, David, was to be the next king of Israel.

Then, we learned what happens when we don’t listen to God. The story comes from 1 Kings 12 when Israel was divided into the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom. When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king, and listened to some very poor, very unGodly advice and people fled from him to King Jeroboam, who also refused to listen to God and he also followed some very unGodly advice, and he began to allow for the worship of idols. This led to Israel splitting into 2 separate kingdoms and a nation divided.

We will finish the series with God whispering to Elijah. GOD is omniscient and omnipotent. He can do anything. Including speaking to us in a voice considerably louder than a whisper. But think about what you have to do to whisper to someone. You need to be close to them. Both in proximity and in relationship. I wouldn't walk up to a stranger and whisper in their ear. That would be wildly inappropriate and really weird. But when you have a relationship with someone, when you have trust and intimacy you can whisper to them. And when you whisper to them, you force them to come nearer to you, and stop and focus on what you are whispering to them.

The world is loud and full of things that can take our focus off of the still, small voice of GOD. And sometimes we can get so wrapped up in what we want to tell GOD that we can miss His voice. James 1:19 tells us to be "*quick to hear, slow to speak...*" I need that reminder. So when my little chatty friend has lots to tell me, I will listen. And when GOD speaks, I need to listen to Him too. I don't want to miss a word!

There is a lot happening in Kingdom Kids! December 7th is the Christmas Playdate. Registration is required, and is open to children ages 3 and who are potty trained and up. This is a time for parents to do some Christmas shopping or wrapping or cleaning, and your kids are going to have too much fun! We will decorate Christmas cookies, play some games, make some ornaments, watch Christmas movies and hang out! Lunch is provided!

Chocolate Sunday is *next* week, November 30. It's an easy verse and I'm pretty sure the kids have it memorized!

As always, thank you for allowing me the incredible honor of serving your family. Your kids bring me so much joy! We have a lot of fun learning and playing and talking. I am amazed every week at some of the conversations that happen, and the questions they are asking. It is truly my favorite thing! And as we enter into a time of thanksgiving and Christmas cheer, know that I am truly grateful and blessed to be a part of their lives and their faith journey.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~Miss Amy