Conceiving the Truth Pt3 Hearing God Sunday, October 1, 2023

- I. Conceiving the Truth
 - A. Fellowship with God
 - 1. The Word must be conceived to bear fruit.
 - a. *(ref. 1 Pet. 1:23 AMP)* God's Word is incorruptible Seed that bears His nature, essence and DNA.
 - Seed must be conceived to produce fruit.
 - (ex. farmers, babies, God's promises)
 - b. **(1 Cor. 1:9)** Our most important calling as believers is fellowship with Jesus. Why?
 - Conception requires intimacy and fertilization.
 - (John 15:4-8 TPT)
 - 2. Fellowship (intimacy) with God includes (1) hearing God, (2) meditating on His Word, (3) prayer, (4), worship, and (5) praise.
 - B Hearing God
 - 1. Hearing God (via reading the Scriptures, hearing preaching/teaching, the inward witness, the Holy Spirit and godly counsel) is the most important component in your relationship with God. (ref. Ps. 107:20)
 - 2. (Rom. 10:17 NLT) Faith is spiritual conception.
 - a. Word = Good News = Gospel; the gospel is power of God to deliver you from the power of darkness, sin, sickness, lack, etc. *(ref. Rom. 1:16)*
 - b. (Luke 5:15; 6:17-19) "to hear and to be healed"
 - c. (Matt. 4:23-24; 9:35) Jesus teaching, preaching and healing.
 - d. (Acts 14:7-10) Paul preaching the gospel.
 - 3. **(Luke 5:17-22)** Power was present to heal but because of reasoning instead of believing in the heart most didn't receive.
 - a. **(Matt. 13:15)** Dullness of the heart is often due to the multitude of other voices saturating our ears sowing doubt, unbelief and fear in our hearts.
 - (ref. Gen. 3:1) Adam/Eve/serpent

- (Jas. 1:14-18) sin and sickness must be conceived just like the salvation, health and wealth etc.
- b. (Prov. 4:20-23) plant the word in your heart by
 - (1) giving your attention to it,
 - (2) inclining your ears to it,
 - (3) envisioning and seeing it, and
 - (4) guarding your heart with all diligence above all that you guard.
- c. (Matt. 4:4) Jesus equated hearing the word with eating food.