

Tune In

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I. **Welcome & Intro**

- A. Recently moved and the experience of **living out of boxes**.
- B. Experience of the movers searching for my voice on where to put things.
- C. Sometimes there is just too much going on the person's voice becomes like white noise.
- D. Sometimes the same can happen when we are listen for God's voice.
- E. To ensure this doesn't happen we must make space to listen, hear and obey.
- F. Today we are going to talk about tuning into God's voice....
- G. **Let's pray** before we jump into the word today.

Turn to John 10. We are going to read 1-5.

- H. Talk about the drive and trying to find a station to turn into and how cluding some stations are...

II. Just like a radio has different frequencies...God speaks at different frequencies.

- A. Human voice has a range of 85 hertz to 2500 hertz.
- B. Human ear can go 20 hertz to 20000 hertz.
- C. Anything under 20 hertz is infrasonic sounds
 - 1. Causes headaches and can predict volcanoes
- D. Anything above 20000 hertz are ultrasonic.
 - 1. Ultrasonic can break apart kidney stones
 - 2. Heal tissue
 - 3. See babies

4. Toppel buildings
- E. God speaks in a variety in ways.
 1. He can speak audibly.
 2. Through scripture
 3. Events
 4. People
 5. Our hearts
- F. It is important to make sure it is God we are hearing.
- G. Most of the time when we can't seem to hear Him it is probably because he is speaking a different frequency and we need to make some space to hear Him.

John 10:1-5 – “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. **2** But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

III. Tuning into God's voice is important because.

- A. Proves you are a child of God.
 - a. Clearly says the sheep hear his voice and he call his own sheep by name in (v 3)
 - b. In **John 8: 47** it states....“He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God.”
- B. Protects us from mistakes.
 - a. **Job 33: 14-18** – “Indeed God speaks once, Or twice, yet no one “In a dream, a vision of the night, When sound sleep falls on men, While they slumber in their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction, That He may turn man aside

from his conduct, And keep man from pride; He keeps back his soul from the pit, And his life from passing over into Sheol.

C. Productive life

IV. Tuning into God's voice regularly starts with the right posture.

A. Must assume a position of submission/obedience.

- a. Submission and obedience has to do with the frequency you will hear him.
- b. **Jeremiah 29:13** – You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.
- c. We need to be willing to submit, to give up our agenda, and to yield.
- d. It is Lord speak I am listening and willing.
- e. See when you choose to die to yourself and your agenda you will hear better what God wants.
- f. God longs to resurrect dead things.
- g. Look at Moses story...
- h. 40 years he was in Pharaoh's court as a somebody.
- i. 40 years later he was a nobody. Dying to himself in the desert.
- j. 40 years later he was God's somebody.
- k. God got him to a point to be available for how He wanted to do things.
- l. This is when God asks him what is in your hand?... "it is a staff."
- m. Look at the miracle that God did with Moses staff.
- n. Every time he picked it up it became a dead stick, but every time he let go of it became a miraculous sign of God's authority.
- o. Something dead comes alive a snake.
- p. Once Moses picks it up it is dead again.
- q. In this miracle he is demonstrating a divine truth. TO live you must die!
- r. Moses staff represented 3 things: identity, income and his influence.

- s. Lay down your agenda and hear mine and you will come alive.
- t. A lot of times we want to pick up our lives and ask only certain things of God or occupy ourselves so much that we really can't hear what He is saying to us.
- u. Everytime though you pick up your desires...you will die. Like that dirty old stick.
- v. **So what do you need to lay down to position yourself to hear Him?**

B. Must believe God cares about the details of your life.

- a. **Matthew 10:30** – But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- b. He created you to love.
- c. Our God is love.
- d. Knowing he cares about everything will help you to seek Him earnestly.
- e. **Psalms 63:1** – O God, You are my God; I shall seek You [earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

C. Must believe God wants to answer your questions.

- a. **James 1:5** – But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- b. You have not because you ask not.
- c. Ask Him specific questions

V. Tuning into God's voice is demonstrated in scripture.

- A. **Habakkuk 2:1-2** I will stand on my guard post And station myself on the rampart; And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, And how I may reply when I am reproved. Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe *it* on tablets, that the one who reads it may run.

B. Five steps to hearing

- a. Withdraw!
 - Remove every distraction and get in a quiet place (watchtower)
- b. Wait!
 - Calm your body, mind and emotions.
 - Psalm 46
 - Psalm 62:5
 - Calming your inner self creates space for God's voice to be clear.
- c. Word!
 - What God says will never contradict His word.
 - Stop waiting for a voice and start looking for a verse.
- d. Write
 - Write down what He revealed to you.
 - Write out your prayers.
 - Write out how you have seen Him move.
- e. Review!
 - Go back and look at what the Lord shows you.
 - Maybe tab your journal with key words at the top.

VI. Tuning into God's voice is different than an impression.

A. How to test an impression.

- a. Bible says we can fool ourselves

Proverbs 8:16 – He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered.

- b. Bible says the enemy masquerades like an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14 – No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Here are the questions to be asked...

- B. Is it consistent with the Bible?
- C. Will it make you more like Christ?
- D. Does my church family confirm it?
- E. Is it consistent with how God made me?
- F. Is it convicting rather than condemning?
- G. Do I sense peace?

VII. Closing

- A. Example of broken equipment...on a radio or headphones.
- B. The beautiful thing is God has created an open door policy to us. He wants us to come. Sometimes we just have to trade out the things that are no longer working in our pursuit of Him.
- C. Sometimes we have to confess laziness, or our personal agenda, other times it is our lack of trust to have Him answer specifics but God is faithful.
- D. He is the good shepherd.
- E. **John 10:11** – I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- F. He has laid down His life for us that we would hear the Father's voice loud and clear...why wait to have such an intimate relationship with God of the universe...our Father.