

SEEING & HEARING

Faith: The Breeding Grounds For Direction

- I. **We must continue to get our minds renewed to how important it is that we be led by the Holy Spirit, get the wisdom of God, see and hear what God is showing and saying (We are talking about God speaking to you inside giving you specific direction for the situation that you face: Ex: Marks broke car)**
 - A. ***When believers are not led by the Holy Spirit it's like you're looking through a glass window and on the other side of that window are all these blessings have their name on them, but they can't get to any of it-**Hosea 4:6*****
 1. There is no freedom without the Spirit's leading-John 16:13, 8:32, 2 Corinthians 3:17
 2. There is no power without the Spirit's leading-Acts 1:8, John 16:13
 3. There is no experience of what was promised without the Spirit's leading-1Cor2:12
 4. There is no promotion, protection, or prosperity without the Spirit's leading-Proverbs4
 - B. The word of God attaches this value to wisdom and being led that we just haven't attached to it yet and we have to reset our minds in this area to value this more than we have (Prov4:5-8-Get it, it is the principal thing, love it, exalt it, embrace it)
 1. Proverbs 3:15-If wisdom is the greatest thing that you can desire, then your desire for it should be greater than your desire anything else
 - a. MSG-Nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her
 - b. ERV-Nothing you desire has more value
 - c. CJB-Nothing you want can compare with her
 - d. EXB-Nothing you could want is equal to it
 - e. VOICE-Your most extravagant desire doesn't come close to her
 2. Proverbs 8:11
 - a. GNV-All pleasures are not to be compared to her
 - b. CEB-Nothing is more delightful than she
 - c. ESV-All that you may desire cannot compare with her
 - d. EXB-Nothing you could want is equal to [is more delightful than] it
 - e. GW-Nothing you can desire can equal it
 3. **Proverbs 2:1-4**-We are to go after this wisdom like a hid treasure
 - a. We've wasted 100 of hours of prayer time asking God to do something when we should have been seeking him about what we should do
 - C. The instruments through which we receive this wisdom are the eyes and ears of our heart
 1. Some see and hear better than others and the level of ability varies from person to person

2. You can connect your freedom, the power you walk in, how much you experience what God has promised, the promotion you see, the protection you walk in, and the prosperity you have to your ability to see and hear when the Father is speaking and showing

II. Unbelief (not being in faith) will have you missing stuff that God saying and showing

- A. 2 Corinthians 4:4-When you yield to unbelief you are a candidate to be blinded
 1. Unbelief will blind you and deafen you and to where you can't see and hear what God's trying to communicate to you
 - a. Yielding to this worry, discouragement, depression is all unbelief and it will darken you
 2. 2 Kings 6:16-He can't see because unbelief blinds you
 - a. "Alas my master what are we going to do?" Is not faith – Elisha told him to fear not so obviously was yielding to fear on some level
 - b. Elisha sees something he doesn't see because he was in faith
 - c. They are seeing these things inside
 3. So many of these things we thought Satan just does to ruin or day; but there is so much more to this discouragement, depression, fear than just having a bad day
 - a. He's pushing this stuff to cut you off from the voice that will get you into God's best
 - b. He knows that if you're not led by the Spirit you won't be backed by the power of the Spirit so he's endeavoring to cut off communication by defiling the instruments we use to see and hear; this is how we tap our potential
 4. Faith is a choice and you could make the decision to believe as easily as you made the decision to not believe; it takes just as much time to be in faith as it does in unbelief
 - a. James 1:1-5-You're not going to get the wisdom of God if you're not in faith
 - b. Wavering people won't receive the wisdom of God because unbelief blinds you
- B. **Num13:27-14:10**-It's like one group didn't even hear and one group did, but they both heard
 1. What did God say to them regarding this land?
 - a. **Exodus 33:1-3**-And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, *and* go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey:
 - b. **Num13:1**-And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.
 2. These people can't understand why Joshua and Caleb are talking like this and Joshua and Caleb can't understand why they are talking like this

a. These people's answer is bouncing off their foreheads and they are not seeing it

C. **Hebrews 3:10-12**-Seeing they are not seeing, hearing they are not hearing

1. They heard those verses above, but they didn't recognize it to be God or see it to be God
2. They thought Moses was missing it; they didn't recognize that what Moses was saying was the voice of God; Hearing they are not hearing
3. That evil heart of unbelief will blind eyes and deafen your ears

D. **Hebrews 3:18-19**-The voice of God/the leading of the Spirit is the direction-giving instrument that is designed to lead you into God's best-Psalm 86:11

1. One of the worst things that can happen to a believer is to not hear the voice of the One who has been sent to lead you into God's best for your life
 - a. There's nothing more important than hearing the voice of God & yielding
2. EX: It's like the pilot being insensitive to the air traffic controller
 - a. It's not the pilot's job to decide where to go, it's His job to yielding to the leading
 - b. It's extremely dangerous for him to ignore or be insensitive to this direction

III. An atmosphere of faith is the breeding grounds for direction from the Holy Spirit

A. It's imperative that if you want to hear from God that you get in faith

1. Whatever area you are desiring to hear from God in, you must be in faith regarding that area to hear from God in that area
2. The more unbelief you yield to the darker your life gets and the darker it gets the harder it is to see and hear
3. Proverbs 4:18-For the just who live by faith and stay in faith it's going to get brighter and the brighter it gets the easier it is to see and hear

B. John 16:13, 8:31-32-If you waver on the written word, you won't hear the spoken word

1. Faith is simply agreeing with God's word b/c He said it
 - a. You can't be disagreeing with the Word and get direction from the HS who is the Word
 - b. The leading from the Holy Spirit comes while you're faith on the Word of God
 - c. As you yield to the written word of God you open the door for the Holy Spirit to enter and give you the direction you need for that particular situation
2. You have to come to realize the importance of this word FROM God and the absolute vital necessity of it concerning your victory
 - a. Rom 15:13-If you get discouraged/worried and stop agreeing with the Word and get out of faith you'll miss the very direction you need to walk in victory
 - b. Staying in faith keeps you positioned to hear
 - 1) We have to get on the same channel as the HS and He's on the faith channel
 - 2) Fear pushes God out; Faith welcomes Him in-Luke 8:35-38, Gen 3:10

- C. Acts 13:2-When you are in faith & stay in faith you're positioned to be led by the HS
 - 1. Hebrews 11:6, 10:38-Faith pleases God and ministers to Him; when you say I believe it just b/c God said it, that pleases, that ministers to Him the Father
 - a. 1 Samuel 15:22-The way God gets ministered to/pleasure from a sacrifice or offering He gets more pleasure and is ministered to more by obedience and faith
 - b. Matthew 8:8-This guy ministered to Jesus with His faith
 - 2. As you ministered unto God through and with your faith, you'll get direction from HS
- D. No matter how dark it is or how bad it looks you have to stay in faith if you want the leading of the Holy Spirit
 - 1. 1 Samuel 30:1-9-Direction came after the atmosphere of faith was created
 - a. 4-No direction came out of the weeping, out of the grief and distress
 - 2. 2 Chronicles 20
 - a. They are in "impossible" situation and respond by seeking the Lord
 - 1) We need to stop seeking God to do something and start seeking Him about what we should do-This is a co-laboring
 - b. He starts this session of seeking, by creating an atmosphere of faith
 - 1) When the atmosphere of faith was created the Spirit of God showed up and delivered the wisdom of God
 - c. 18-19-Their praising God for the wisdom that came maintaining an atmosphere of faith
 - d. 20-As they acted in faith the second part came