

SEEING & HEARING

Seeking & Faith

I. Principles of seeking-If Jesus is going to succeed in this situation he needs wisdom and to get wisdom he's going to have to seek it; Let's look at how Jesus sought wisdom-John 8

- A. In **every situation** train yourself to look inside for direction before you do anything
 - 1. Before Jesus does anything he is looking, listening and seeking first because he knows that wisdom is the principle thing-Proverbs 4:5-7
 - 2. Train yourself to immediately look inside rather than to your own understanding-Pr3:5
 - a. Looking for the answer in your head is like fishing in the bath tub; it isn't in there
 - b. **Develop a conditioned response to look inside first (This is how Jesus did it)**
 - 1) I only say what I hear and do what I see so before I say anything I have to hear it and before I do anything I have to see it, so I have to look inside first before I move
 - c. Build a life that's dependent on His direction and wisdom, not your own understanding
 - 3. **A seeker never assumes; Assumers don't see and don't hear b/c assumers don't seek**
 - a. If you assume that you know what to do and just start doing something you'll miss direction from the Holy Spirit; As you stop and look to him and seek him you give Him place in your life to give you direction-(Prov3-Lean not to your own understanding)
 - 4. Certainly Jesus could've been tempted to think, I know how to handle this-John 8:6,26
- B. You have to slow down to seek-James 1:19
 - 1. Be quick to hear, to seek; be slow to speak or act
 - a. I got to get it from the Holy Spirit first so there's no need to get a big hurry
 - b. The reality is that until you hear and see you have nothing to say or do
 - c. There should be no talking w/o first hearing, there should be no doing w/o first seeing
 - 2. Be determined to do nothing until you first hear from God
 - a. If you move too quickly you're going to miss the direction and miss it-Proverbs 19:2
 - b. Seekers never hurry, until they've heard from God
- C. Don't allow negative emotions to keep you from seeking for the direction you need
 - 1. Rather than yielding to negative emotions seek the Holy Spirit for direction
 - a. While you're yielding to negative emotions you are not seeking Him
 - b. Use that spiritual energy you're using to be frustrated to seek him instead
 - 2. 1 Samuel 30:1-8-If you sought Him, you'd get it and if you got it and yielded to it, you'd see victory and wouldn't have anything to be frustrated about
- D. Seekers are separators; Lookers and listeners are separators

1. If you're going to seek or aim for God you have to focus solely on Him and separate from everything else-Matthew 14:13,23,Mark 9:2
 - a. Aiming involves **separating yourself** from everything else and looking only unto him
2. You can be in a situation where all hell is breaking loose & be totally separate from it
 - a. You must separate yourself from your feelings, what you want, what people are saying, what the devil is saying and put your focus and God and aim for direction from Him
 - b. **John 5:30 AMP**-I am able to do nothing from Myself [but only as I get orders]. [I decide as I am told to decide. As the voice comes to Me, I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose]
3. He's not aloof or unaware of what's going on, but He doesn't allow what's going on to dictate what he does

II. Actions that have their origin in God you will find to be timely, effective, and yielding victory in the face of any situation; that's why seekers succeed-2 Chronicles 20

- A. People who don't seek wisdom end up being the origin of their own actions and consequently what they do is futile and void of power
 1. John 5:30-MSG-I can't do a solitary thing on my own: I listen, then I decide. If I were simply speaking on my own account, it would be an empty, self-serving witness.
 2. Success begins with seeking; People who are smart enough to not move without seeking God first will find themselves coming out on top in every situation
 3. In the state that they are in they could have decided to do a bunch of different things to respond to this attack, but anything that they do that doesn't originate from God will be futile and void of power so that best thing that they can do is seek God, get wisdom from Him and allow their actions to originate with Him
 4. 3-Four principles of seeking; He's looking inside, He's not in a hurry to just do something, He isn't allowing negative emotions to keep him from seeking, and he is separated
- B. 3-5-Wisdom is the principal thing to him
 1. He must value this wisdom and be hungry for it
 2. Set himself to seek the look-There's persistence in that an unwillingness to move in that
- C. 12-This the place you want you totally dependent upon God and you know it
 1. Give not the circumstances the honor of your gaze
 2. We need to stop seeking God to do something and start seeking Him about what we should do-This is a co-laboring
- D. 14-The same HS who leads us to the experience of the promise is doing the same for them
 1. It's not time to stay home tomorrow, it's time to do what God said

- E. 22-The Lord didn't begin until they began to do what He said but they couldn't do what they said if they hadn't heard him when he said it; This great victory began with their seeking
 - 1. Why did this great victory happen? Because the first thing they did was seek

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

- A. 2 Chronicles 20:6-He starts this session of seeking, by creating and atmosphere of faith
 - 1. They are in "impossible" situation, it looks bad, fear and despair are trying to reign and you will not hear from God in that type atmosphere
 - 2. 14-When the atmosphere of faith was created the Spirit of God showed up and delivered the wisdom of God-James 1:5
 - 3. **If you want to see and hear you have to create and maintain an atmosphere of faith**
 - 4. When they acted in faith they got more direction
- B. 2 Corinthians 4:4-When you yield to unbelief you are a candidate to be blinded
 - 1. Unbelief blinds and deafens to where you can't receive what God's 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 he's afraid unbelief blinds you
 - a. Elisha sees something he doesn't see because he was in faith; He's seeing 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's endeavoring to cut off communication by defiling the instruments we use to see and hear; unbelief will defile your spiritual eyes and ears
 - 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
- C. **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? – Exodus 33:1, Numbers 13:1
 - 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
- D. **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

- E. **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

IV. 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. The more unbelief you yield to the darker your life gets and the darker it gets the harder it is to see and hear
 2. 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. The leading from the Holy Spirit comes while you're faith on the Word of God
 - b. 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, Matthew 8:8-Faith pleases God and ministers to Him
 - 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
 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 Samuel 30:1-9
1. Direction came after the atmosphere of faith was created
 2. 4-No direction came out of the weeping, out of the grief and distress