

An Ear To Hear

Week One:

I. Personal Bio & History / Intro

A. Born and raised in San Gabriel CA. A second son. Gregarious and inquisitive. I was very active and excelled in many sports.

At 11 1/2 my father contracted Cancer and he passed when I was 17.

Through this, God birthed the desire to know the TRUTH!

It stuck and I was saved at 19 but still a mess, married, divorced

I written and recorded music since I was 18, done audio production for radio, traveled the world as an audio engineer and road manager, I've been a carpenter for a long time.

Remarried in '96 / 25 years

I have a son who's 30 and a daughter who's 20 year old.

Moved to OK in 2007, converted a barn out in the sticks into a home.

God by His Spirit has been molten in me since 2012.

PRAYER

II. An Ear To Hear Is A Response

A. Let's start with... the stimulus.

1. The Voice of the living God [read passages]
2. The first thing God said was, "Let there be light".

B. How do we acquire an Ear To Hear the Voice of the Living God?

a. It's an admonition from the beginning.

C. Jesus stressed and implored, "IT" is for those with an ear.

1. 8x in Rev. and 7x to the Churches
 - a. hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
2. "Ear" and "Ears" are all through the Gospels
 - a. How it happens has to be somewhere?
 - b. Someone please look up that passage?

C. So if it's not implicitly stated in scripture: How does it happen?

1. It was breathed into us us at creation.
 - a. vital breath, divine inspiration, intellect , soul, spirit.
2. He placed His image in us.
3. It is the Kingdom "within" us [Luke 17:20-21] [g1787]

20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

- a. It is here where God's initiative is received-
- b. apokalyptō - revelation, through faith.

4. His Spirit is connected to our spirits.
 - a. Like the seed in the soil

Mark 4:26 And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; 27 and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know.

D. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

1. Why do we need to hear? [Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing]

2. There is a Word continually going forth. [Heb 1:3]
 - a. The Word of LIFE / The [Logos and Rhema] of God

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from

Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Matt 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word (g4487 rhēma) that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

3. Ears to hear what?
 - a. TRUTH! The Spirit of TRUTH John 16:13
4. This word is the power in the WAY of sanctification
 - a. It's everything we could ever know about God
 - b. It is our very breath,
 - c. It is the LIFE
 - d. Our entrance into the Unity of God. [John 17]

III. Practice Maintenance Of An Ear To Hear

A. Stewards of talents needing His voice to maintain what He's given us.

1. Inhibitors to be spoken of later.

B. **2 Tim 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; **but wanting to have their ears tickled**, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to **their own desires**, 4 and will **turn away their ears from the truth** and will turn aside to myths.

C. Like children none of us were born knowing God.

1. He has revealed Himself to anyone who knows of Him.

D. He established us with the need to receive.

1. What do you have that you didn't receive.

E. What do we do with the revelation - apokalypṓ.

1. How important is it to us?
2. Enough to lay down "our" lives admitting it's Him?

F. Playing sports, playing an instrument, gardening, driving, cooking

1. Here is the overlooked distinction of our souls
 - a. We were created to follow a voice.
2. Listening is a practice.
 - a. Incline your ears to the Lord [22]
 - b. Incline your hearts to the Lord [5]
3. Quiet yourself, seek the wilderness of God.
 - a. Shut off other voices.
 - b. Ask, are the words I am about to speak your words?

G. Meditate on the severity of failure to listen

1. Meditate on the beauty of a voice, that desires to make it well for you.

HIS VOICE AND HIS VOICE ONLY

IV. God is speaking and is looking for an ear to hear His word.

1. Jesus the Word is always speaking. Heb 7:25

25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

2. The Holy Spirit is always speaking. Rom 8:26-27

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

3. Jesus and the Holy Spirit never speak on their own initiative

These six passages reinforce and put some real skin on that understanding. Remembering Isaiah 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.

The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me

does His works. John 14:10

“...but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. John 14:30

...I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. John 8:27

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. John 8:42

For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.” John 12:49-50

But when He, the Spirit of TRUTH, comes, He will guide you into all the TRUTH; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. John 16:13

Matt 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Voice of the Living God is Hidden Treasure
I live off of His intercession in repentance.

b. Matt 16:13-23 Peter’s Confession

Amos 8:11 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God,
“When I will send a famine on the land,
Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,
But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.

Is 42:9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass,
Now I declare new things;
Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”

Week 2 The Intercession of God. Clean / Every word that proceeds /
CUJ: *The inhibitor and obstruction to the voice of the living God.*
Week 3 Repentance

Week 4

Week 5 John 17 Unity.