

# Hearing from the Lord

## 1. Pray

### a. Orientation of the Heart – Confession of Sin:

- i. Isaiah 59:2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.
- ii. Psalms 139:23–24 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!
- iii. Psalms 51:10–13 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

### b. Your Marriage/Other relationships MUST be in the right place or your communion with God will be hindered:

- i. 1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, **so that your prayers may not be hindered.** (Wives, see Isaiah 59:2 above.)
- ii. Matthew 5:23–24 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
- iii. What if you aren't sure? –Then go and ASK your spouse this question, “Honey (loving and humble tone) is there anything that I have done recently that I need to ask for your forgiveness for?”

### c. Ask/Beg for the LORD to speak:

- i. Psalms 86:1–7 Incline your ear, O LORD, and **answer me**, for I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you **answer me**.
- ii. Psalms 85:8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- iii. John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
- iv. Hebrews 1:1–2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

## 2. Take Notes or Journal what the Lord is saying.

### a. You need to write down what you read so that you can remember!!

- i. Deuteronomy 6:8–9 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
- ii. Exodus 13:8–9 You shall tell your son on that day, ‘It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ 9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

## 3. Read & Seek Him diligently

### a. Remove distractions and spend a focused time with him

- i. 1 Chronicles 28:9 “And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.
- ii. Exodus 15:26 saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”
- iii. Isaiah 55:2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- iv. Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
- v. Proverbs 12:27 (NASB) The lazy man does not roast his game, but the precious possession of a man is diligence.
- vi. Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.
- vii. Proverbs 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

### b. KEEP IT PERSONAL! Often times its easy to read and hear God's word for the “other” people... don't do that! Let his voice speak, convict, encourage and grow you!

- i. Philippians 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
- ii. Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Read Vs 9-14)

## 4. Share with others

### a. Encourage others by sharing what the Lord has been telling you.

- i. Psalms 145:4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

### b. Be an example

- i. Philippians 4:9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

## 5. Repeat Daily

- a. Proverbs 8:34 Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching **daily** at my gates, waiting beside my doors.
- b. Psalms 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who **daily** bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah
- c. Lamentations 3:22–23 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are **new every morning**; great is your faithfulness.