

## Hearing God

(Jn 10:27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

context: Unbelief because they were not His Sheep - Defining Relationship

1. Attentive to Jesus - My Sheep Listen to Me (more Attitude than Ability)

2. Individual Communication (Intimacy)

3. Disciples (Trust)

(Jn 10:3-5) <sup>3</sup>“To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>“And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>“Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

(Jn 10:14) <sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

Trust through Developed Intimacy (‘Yes’ Heart Response)

We must Believe/Expect His Leading - Mark of Adoption

(Ro 8:14-15) <sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We must learn how He speaks to each of us through developed Intimacy. (Job 33:8)

He is often Subtle. Why? Draws our attention. (Intimacy)

wind, earthquake, fire, still small voice (1 Ki 19:11-12)

(Isa 30:21) <sup>21</sup>Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

(Ps 32:8-9) <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. <sup>9</sup>Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

His Desire is to Draw us Near.

Practical: Other Voices - devil, flesh, conscience (Practice - freedom to fail)  
counsel (Pr 11:14)

Edification vs Condemnation (Eph 4:29)

We Hear with our Hearts - Guard them (Prov 4:23) - not so much our heads (Spirit)

(Mt 13:13-15) <sup>13</sup>“Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup>“And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; <sup>15</sup>For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.’

Dull Hearts don’t Hear (only those who **Want** to Hear Him will)

(Mk 4:23-24) <sup>23</sup>“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>24</sup>Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.”

be Careful what Voices we listen to (follow - Jn 10:5)

Jesus warned His disciples about being influenced by Two Voices (Mk 8:15-18) <sup>15</sup>Then He charged them, saying, “Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” <sup>16</sup>And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “It is because we have no bread.” <sup>17</sup>But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, “Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?” <sup>18</sup>“Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?”

Religious Voice, Worldly Voice will Dull our Hearing Heart (filter through His Word) (Heb 5:11-14) <sup>11</sup>of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup>For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup>For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup>But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (parables, Revelation letters) - **Choice**

(Heb 3:15) <sup>15</sup>while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Dangerous to Hear God

each time we must Choose “Yes” or Harden against His Voice  
why it’s so important to develop Trust through Intimacy