

You Can Hear God

Jn 10:27, Rom 8:14, Youth Prayer Retreat

Stuart: COTR Contend for Prophetic

Lord wants to Stir Faith, Activate in Fresh Way in this Season

like Youth - hope, clarity about their gifting, what God thinks about them

Starting Point is Believing You Can Hear God

John 10 Context

conflict with Pharisees over healing a man born blind (Ch 9)

Jesus the Shepherd (vs 2) and Door of the Sheepfold (vs 7)

His Sheep Follow Him, Know His Voice (vs 4)

He Leads them Individually - calls them by name (vs 3)

He directs them toward Abundant Life vs Destruction (vs 10)

Good Shepherd gives His Life for the Sheep (vs 11)

Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep and is Known by them (vs 14) - Intimacy

compares to His Relationship with Father (vs 15) - Eph 1:6 Trinity

Pharisees Demand He tell plainly if He is the Christ (vs 24)

you can't handle the truth...because you're not My sheep (26)

I and My Father are One (vs 30)

Relational Paradigm to Religious Minded - Communication vs Rules

they want to stone Him for claiming to be God (vs 31-33)

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

Hear My Voice: more about Attitude than Aptitude (Desire to Listen)

We Hear with our Hearts

(Mt 13:13-15) ¹³“Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴“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; ¹⁵For 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.’

Parables: have to desire understanding (process with God) - Pharisees just wanted info
(Heb 3:12-15) ¹²Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

“he who has ears to hear, let him hear” Jesus - parables, Revelation letters
Choice: “yes” in heart or harden heart (no neutral position)

Develop a Hearing Heart

Guard Heart (Prov 4:23) against Religious & Worldly Voices

(Mk 8:15) Then He charged them, saying, “Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”

Begin with His Written Word (Logos, Rhema - progressive)

(Heb 5:11-14) ¹¹of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹²For 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. ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴But 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.

(Mk 4:23-24) ²³“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” ²⁴Then 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.”

Practical: Dialog with Him over His Word

I Know Them: Personal Leadership (vs 3)

Only He can Teach you How He Speaks to you - Assurance: be who you are

Develop Intimacy

(Ps 32:8-9) ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. ⁹Do 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. (Jam 4:8)

Confidence in His Love (vs Fear)

Hearing God is not a Test or Contest, it's a Personal Relationship

They Follow Me: more about Intention than Accuracy

Trust more in His Ability to Lead than your abilities

(Jn 7:18) context: questioning Jesus educational qualifications

51% Rule: examine heart (intentions, not technique), have same Confidence in Him

Develop a Disciples Heart (learner/follower)

Intentional (Mt 16:24, Lk 14:33)

Homework: Dialog over His Word with Him