

Listening to God pt1

How to Make Decisions

A. IN A NOISY WORLD...

- God desires to teach us how to listen to Him
- Communication is a 2 way street. Prayer is not just speaking to God, but also, listening to God.

B. DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS

- I believe God purposely leads us to crossroads to get our attention, to get us to stop and pray.
- Some decisions are small, and some are big (where to live, relationships etc.) but all decisions are important to Him
- God always desires to be the one who would lead His people. But Israel wanted a king like the world. Though, He appointed Saul, today Jesus Christ is our King!

C. ONLY IN CHRIST (are you privileged to hear from God)

- Christ is the Voice for God *“for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10*
- *“My sheep know my voice” (John 10:27)*
- As a child of God, you have the special privilege on knowing His voice.

D. OLD TESTAMENT: URIM & THUMMIN

2 stones that would light up representing:

- a. STONES (*“we are the living stones” 1 Peter 2:5*) Jesus, the High priest is holding us in his Hands and praying for the Father’s will be done! We are building God’s kingdom, not ours
- b. 2 STONES (*when 2 or more are gathered Matt. 18:20*)
- c. LIGHT (Jesus said, “I Am the Light of the Word” Jn 8:12)

E. HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD IN MAKING DECISIONS: write this down...

1. You won’t hear from God with worry (get your head out of the mosquito cage)

“God is not the author of confusion” 1st Cor 14:33

- God is in the next room, all Martha heard was pots and pans!

2. Do not make decisions based on \$ (It’s like putting a ‘for sale’ sign on your heart)

Psalm 86:11 ...give me an undivided heart

3. Ask Him to give you a peace *“His Spirit bears witness with our spirit” Romans 8:16*

- It is not something we can manufacture
- Can you imagine God standing up for you!

4. Trust! (In His leading, in His timing)

Prv 3:5-6... 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths

- Don’t pick up the worry after it’s been put on the altar!

Next week: Listening to God pt2

Seeking His Face

(I’ve learned to be content w/ all things)

Psalm 15 Who can ascend the hill...whoever speaks the truth