

Lesson 4

How to Hear God

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. Adam and Eve were created to hear God. We've been created and equipped to hear God and to live by that hearing.
 - A. Our ministry begins with opening people's eyes—not their physical eyes, but the eyes of their hearts.
 - B. All ministry has to begin with somebody's spiritual eyes, ears, or heart being opened. You can't move into the other phases of ministry until your eyes are opened, until your heart is opened, until you're quickened by the Spirit of God.
 - C. When we're bringing people from darkness to light, it's because a word is being spoken that carries the life of God, the Spirit of God, and it touches the heart of the afflicted person. That word springs forth, and they can receive.

To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

Acts 26:18

- II. We have received the Spirit of God for a purpose, that we might know everything that grace has provided. The Spirit of God will quicken those things if we're not distracted by the cares of this world or seeking after other things.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

- A. When we minister to people, we look at things that are out of order, but we have the authority to rearrange them. When people resist or talk back, they're in unbelief, and you don't have authority in their life; they aren't giving you that place.
 - B. The secret of ministry is to be connected to who is really the minister—Jesus.
- III. Revelation takes place in the spirit of man; understanding comes to the mind of man. Revelation is not the same as understanding, though they can work together. Understanding can take place in your head long before revelation takes place in your spirit, and vice versa.
- A. For most Christians, and in my own experience, we know some things long before we really have a revelation of them.
 - B. Anybody can get a revelation of who Jesus is. It's available, it's free, and it's out there. It's available to all people around the world. The question is, are they seeking it?
 - C. There's an ongoing perseverance in this. I don't want to stop getting new revelation, because that is my relationship with the Father through which I receive His living Word. I can't live by bread alone.

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

- D. Faith comes by hearing. So, I know how much I'm hearing by how much faith I'm walking in.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- IV. Pray that your eyes would be opened and that you will know Him. The more your eyes are opened, the more you know Him and the more you will step into an abundant life of power and victory.

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart

burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:30-32

- A. When the Word of God is quickened by the Spirit of God into your spirit, your spirit burns within you.
- V. Revelation knowledge makes healing happen.
 - A. Anyone can hear from God: blind Bartimaeus had a revelation of Jesus's identity (Acts 3:1-10); the centurion had a revelation of His authority (Matt. 8:5-13); the man on the stretcher and his friends had revelation of the power of His presence (Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 5:17-18); and the two blind men had a revelation of His identity and His compassion (Matt. 20:30-34).
 - B. Some of us just need to get past the hurdle of believing God's really that good. That's a revelation.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Ephesians 3:20

- C. If you get the revelation, it will propel you into a different life, and healing will be yours to receive and yours to give.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

- D. The woman with an issue of blood had a revelation of the anointing in His clothing (Mark 5:27-28).
- VI. How can we hear God more effectively?
 - A. We need to create an environment in our lives in which we can hear God. Spend more time with the Spirit of God; He will charge you with His abundant life.
 - B. Pray and expect God to give you revelation.

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

Ephesians 1:17-19

- C. We need a revelation of the nature and the goodness of God. That's going to come from spending time with Him and asking, "Father, show me; give me spiritual understanding into your nature."
 - D. We need a revelation of our identity in Him and who we are in Him.
 - E. We need a revelation of His will.
 - F. Knowledge will not necessarily change you. Spiritual quickening and spiritual revelation will.
- VII. There are ways to create an environment to hear from God and get revelation.
- A. Desire prepares the ground. Do you desire this more than you desire the other things that are in the world?
 - B. Meditate on verses, concepts, promises, and biblical stories. Everything you meditate on is sowing seed. Seeds carry the life, the nature of the source. So, the more you meditate on the things of God—the promises, the declarations, and the parables—the more things will be revealed to you over time.
 - C. Prayer for spiritual understanding waters the seed. You pray, believing that you will receive. Pray that spiritual understanding comes with the Word.
 - D. In due season, you will harvest the revelation you seek.