

## HEARING – WEEK 3

### **Introduction**

- Find a place, still yourself, begin to write something from your day or the past weekend to God. Pause and listen for a response from God. If you don't hear anything, keep writing.
- **HEARINGROOM.ORG**
- Tonight I want to look briefly at how we test what we are hearing
  - Give opportunity to encourage one another with testimonies from this season
  - Give time tonight for the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:4 (ESV) - and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

### **Weighing What We Hear**

Based on "Judging Prophetic Words" by Keith Hazell

### **Introduction: The Weight of Heaven**

Isa 55:10-11 (ESV)

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- Where this verse says, "It will achieve the purpose for which I sent it". The word **achieve** here means "to push forward".
- When a word is released from the mouth of God there is a **weight** that is released from heaven that pushes it forward
- The word that is translated in the Old Testament of most English bibles as "prophecy" is the Hebrew word "massah". It literally means "a burden" or "a weight".

Paul taught the church in Corinth that what we hear from God needs to be judged.

- When judging something you hear we need to weigh "what is heard" by asking the question: "how much of the weight of heaven is behind this word?"

Illust. A balance weigh scale.

- What I've heard on one side and a number of weights on the other side.

## I. What criteria do we use to weigh a prophetic word?

### A. Hearing must be judged by the written word of God

#### Acts 17:11

“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”

- What we hear cannot contradict the word of God.

*“You are special to me. I wish to keep you only to myself. You don’t need other people. Others do not understand you as I do. I am all you need.”*

### B. Hearing must be judged by the Spirit of the Lord

- God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us discern what truth is.

#### John 16:13

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

*“You are special to me. I wish to keep you only to myself. You don’t need other people. Others do not understand you as I do. I am all you need.”*

- When something comes from God there is a “Yes” that is in our spirits.
- There are times when someone gets up and says something and it’s almost as though your feel a clash inside you. Most of the time this is because there is something that is not witnessing with the spirit of God within you.

Exod 18:2 - After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro received her.

- Permission to leave your wife?
- It’s in the Bible! Must line up with the whole truth of the Bible.

## Words from the Holy Spirit bring freedom

### 2 Cor 3:17 - “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”

- a. Even when there is an identification of sin or wrongdoing that needs to be dealt with the Holy Spirit will guide us to the place of freedom.

### C. What we hear must be weighed by considering what's in our heart

- Sometimes our hearing can flow out of bitterness or rejection or frustration in our heart.

*"You don't need other people. Others do not understand you as I do."*

### Mark Virkler - Praying with an Idol in Our Heart

Ezek 14:4

4Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Any one of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him as he comes with the multitude of his idols,

- A 4 door electric-blue Peorgot 306 with built in TomTom
  - If Ruth and I were married, I had a mad, wild crush on her and she didn't even notice me, that can become bigger in my heart than God.
- A good example is a water pipe.
  - If water is being pumped through a clean pipe you get clean water.
  - But if there is dirt or some other contamination in the pipe, this will affect the quality of the water. So, keep your Pipe clean.
- If we want to be a channel for God to speak to us we need to
    1. We must have a relationship with God
    2. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit
    3. We must be operating out of Love.
    4. We must be in right relationship with God & the church.
    5. We must be under Authority
    6. We must be worshippers

ENGINE LIGHTS ON OUR DASHBOARD

### D. What we hear must be weighed by having them weighed by others

**1 Cor 14:29** says "that two or three prophets should weigh the word."

- While the verse talks about prophets weighing words, when we are weighing our personal hearing, we can have someone who:
  - Loves God
  - Loves God's Word
  - Loves You
- By allowing others to add their "amen" gives what we hear more weight and it puts a greater responsibility on us to act on that word.

One of the traps with weighing what we hear is that we spend more time evaluating than stepping out and obeying into what God wants us to do and obey.

### Ways God Speaks To Us

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible</li> <li>• Preached Word</li> <li>• In Your Spirit</li> <li>• Peace</li> <li>• Impressions</li> <li>• Dreams</li> <li>• Prophetically</li> <li>• Friends &amp; Family</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Books</li> <li>• Creation/Nature</li> <li>• Songs</li> <li>• Third Party Conversations</li> <li>• Circumstances/Authority</li> <li>• Stories/Movies</li> </ul> |
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#### **DREAMS**

- Write significant dreams down.
- Understood when you speak them out.
- Best dream interpretation is simply asking God what they mean
- ILLUSTRATION – CRIES OF THE SOUL (Back in school, not prepared)
  - GOD SPEAKING (Graduating)

### FINAL THOUGHT: FIGHTING FOR OUR INHERITANCE

#### **John 10: 27 Our Inheritance**

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

#### **JESUS ENCOUNTERED MEN AND WOMEN WHO BOLDLY CRIED OUT FOR SIGHT AND SOUND**

#### **Matthew 9:27-30 UNDERLINE KEY WORDS**

27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then

he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened.

**- CONSIDER THE THIRD BLIND MAN. WHO SAT QUIETLY (OWN TOWN)**

Mark 7:31-35

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And **they brought** to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and **they begged him** to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

**- PRAYING FOR SOMEONE IS BRINGING THEM TO JESUS, BEGGING**

Mark 8:22-25

22 And they came to Bethsaida. And **some people brought** to him a blind man and **begged him** to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, **"I see men, but they look like trees, walking."** 25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes **again**; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

**- WE KEEPING ASKING JESUS TO GIVE US FULL SIGHT AND SOUND**

**MINISTRY TIME**

**WHAT NEXT?**

Hebrew 5:14 ESV

14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by **constant practice** to distinguish good from evil.

- PRACTICE
- NEW YEAR
  - RE-RUN HEAR SERIES, HEARING EVENINGS. HEARING FOR OTHERS

**EXERCISES – I CAN ONLY IMAGINE, JOURNAL QUESTIONS**

**TESTIMONIES AND QUESTIONS**