

## Session 3 Why do I find Hearing Difficult?

Course: Hearing the Father's Voice



*'The Father has more to say to us than we are usually prepared to hear'*

### Opening Exercise

**Exercise: What gets in the way of you hearing the Holy Spirit?**

- ◆ What does your spirit feel like, at rest, today?
- ◆ What do your landscape or your treasure island seem to be like?

### A. Fear, Worrying, & Anxiety

- ◆ This is a favourite weapon of the enemy.
- ◆ Is 43:1–5, Joshua 1:9
- ◆ Remind yourself: Jesus represents the Father, EXACTLY. Jn 14:9, Jn 14:27

“If anyone else lied to us as much as our fears do, we would not believe them” – Bill Johnson

## **B. A sense of Guilt**

- ◆ We cannot forgive ourselves, but:
  - No condemnation. Jn 3:17, Rom 8:1
  - ‘Come now let us reason together,’ says the Lord... Is 1:18

## **C. Pride**

- ◆ Who is the greatest? Matt 18:1–4
- ◆ ‘It is the Glory of God to conceal a matter, to search out a matter is the glory of kings.’ Prov 25:2
- ◆ One antidote to pride, is practicing thankfulness

*‘We are made in His image, but He is not like us.’*

## **D. Unforgiveness**

- ◆ Mt 18:21-35, and Mk 11:25
- ◆ Jesus life and death has made endless forgiveness available to us.
- ◆ We are required to follow that same attitude He has towards us, toward others.

- ◆ If we aren't willing to forgive...prepare for a bumpy ride. You may not get very far!

## **E. Shame**

- ◆ We fear that, if exposed to God's gaze, we will be found wanting. Gen 3:9-10
- ◆ The Lord's answer to shame in Ps 34:4-5; the reality is the opposite of what we fear.
- ◆ The woman caught in adultery Jn 8:1-11. Think about Jesus' focus, in this story. Where is it?

## **F. How you see yourself**

- ◆ I should see myself and feel about myself as God sees me: An adopted child of God, not a parentless orphan.
- ◆ The Father seems to see us as we will be, perfected. He works in this life to release that potential in us.
- ◆ We are all on a journey with this. Is 1:18
- ◆ Ask the Lord: "How do you see me?"

## **G. An Unbiblical view of God**

- ◆ Praying to the wrong God
  - Moses' encounter at the burning bush began his journey of discovering God's nature. Ex 3
  - A wrong view of God can be as big a doorway to demonic oppression as the other A to E
- ◆ Laziness and control. The roots of these are a type of idolatry: "I'm in charge"

## **H. Looking for Solutions**

- ◆ Looking for the dark bits in our Landscape (or mindset) leads us to ask:
  - 'How is my (Godly) design likely to be different to what I feel?
  - 'Who is 'Me' in the Kingdom?

***'If you get stuck, repent, Get help!' – prayer ministry and more.***