

Session 5 How to Respond to the Father's Voice

Course: Hearing the Father's Voice

Summary so Far

- ◆ Eph 1:18 We see through the eyes of our heart
- ◆ 2 Cor 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight
- ◆ If we get our head right, our heart follows
- ◆ A troubled heart tends to block ears!

A. How our Relationship Works

- ◆ Co-operate with the H S. If you step towards what God is doing, it comes quicker. Nehemiah is a good example.
- ◆ Neh 9:32 'El Hannora' The Awesome God fulfils His promises; He is not our problem solver. We are servants, friends, slaves.

B. How our Relationship Works

- ◆ Generally, He seeks us, partners with us.
- ◆ Rarely, he seizes us. (Saul of Tarsus)
- ◆ Gen 16:13 He is 'El Roi', God who sees me.
- ◆ Gen 18: He comes to look for opportunities to show mercy. He involves Abraham.

C. To grow, take Faith-full steps

- ◆ Ex 17:8-14 Joshua grows through experience. 'Write...and make sure Joshua hears it' He acts, then God affirms him.
- ◆ Joshua 1 God encourages Joshua.
- ◆ Integrity and Obedience

- ◆ N.B. As leaders grow, they get less ‘wiggle room’.
 - Saul diminished through life. 1 Sam 10:22- 24; 1 Sam 15

D. To keep growing, take Faith-filled steps

- ◆ Live in faith, not through religious activity
 - Luke 18:8 Jesus looks for FAITH
 - Faith is the opposite of fear
 - Acts 4:31 Faith draws the Holy Spirit

Remember the 5 keys (Session 2)

E. Faith-Filled Steps

- ◆ Rom 10:17 Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word
- ◆ If there is an obstacle, there is promised land the other side.
Exodus
- ◆ Deal with stuff that steals your faith.
Jn 10:10



F. Protect your Relationship

- ◆ Sometimes we are a grown-up son, but another time we need to be a beloved child sitting on our Dad’s knee.
- ◆ Treasure what the Lord says.
 - Like Joshua, make piles of stones Jos 4:5-6
- ◆ Maintain a humble, hungry heart.
- ◆ Step into partnership. Look to develop what God does!