

3. Why do I find Hearing Difficult?

Course: Hearing the Father's Voice
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'The Father has more to say to us than we are usually prepared to hear'

Opening 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.

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