

5. How to Respond to the Father's Voice

Course: Hearing the Father's Voice

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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. Nehemia 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

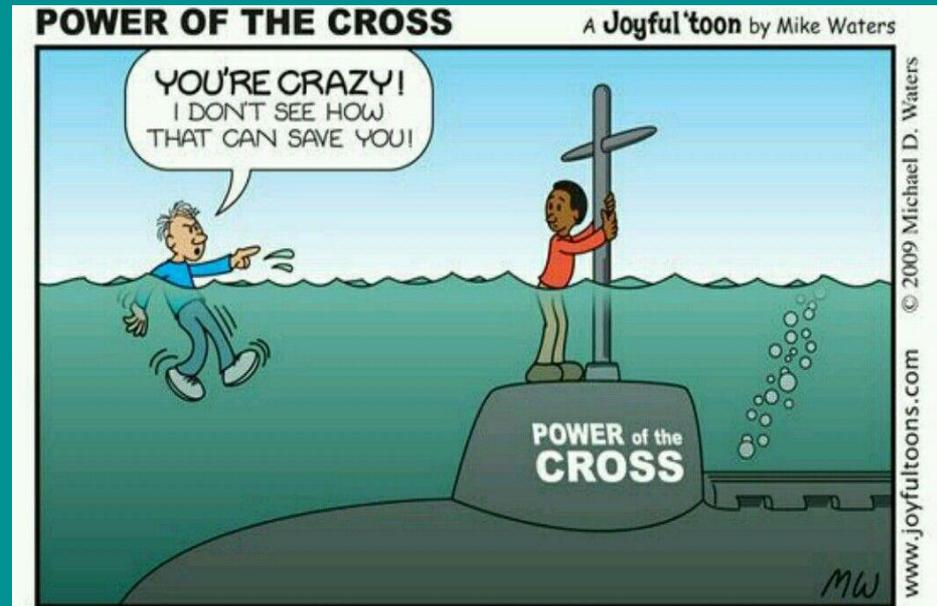
- Ex 17:8-14 Joshua grows through experience. 'Write...and make sure Joshua hears it' He acts, then God affirms him.
- Joshua 1 God encourages Joshua.
- Integrity and Obedience
- N.B. As leaders grow, they get less 'wiggle room'.
- Saul diminished through life. 1 Sam 10:22-24; 1 Sam 15

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!

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