

The Five Elements of Faith, Part 2: Hearing and Receiving

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Opening Summary

In this lesson we will continue to learn about hearing, the first element of faith. Then we will discuss the second element, receiving. We will discover that receiving the Word the Lord speaks to us is a key element to getting the next steps toward doing our assignment.

- I. Here are some methods in which we hear God speak to us.
 - A. Acts 10:19: We hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.
 1. Peter heard the Holy Spirit's voice and did what He said.
 2. Acts 10:38, 44: There was tremendous change in his ministry as a result.
 - B. Col. 3:15: The peace of God is another way we hear.
 1. The older I get the slower I get when it comes to God's will for my life.
 2. I want to be in step with God, not ahead of Him, not behind Him.
 - C. 1 Cor. 14:2, 13: We hear God speak to us through tongues and interpretation.
 1. I spoke in tongues for direction to go into the ministry.
 2. 1 Cor. 14:13: God gave me the interpretation, the next steps to take in faith.
 - D. Rom. 10:14-15: We hear God speak to us through preaching and teaching.
 1. The bigger the decision the more time you must take before God.
 2. Spend time praying in the Spirit over it, seeking God's direction.
 3. Take three days of fasting and prayer regarding this matter.

- II. Jas. 1:21: The second element of faith is receiving.
 - A. *Receive* means to *accept or take*.
 1. One way to receive the Word from the Lord is to accept it.
 - a) It depends on whether you allow Jesus to control your life.
 - b) *Engrafted* means *implant*.
 - c) Meditating the Word is implanting it in your heart.
 - d) There are negative consequences to not following God's will.
 2. Another way to receive the Word from the Lord is to take it. That opens the door to the next steps to take (2 Cor. 5:7).
 - B. Acts 9:15-17: Paul received the Lord's Word.
 1. On the road to Damascus, he was saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost.
 2. Acts 22:10: God gave him his assignment.
 3. Acts 22:17-18: Jesus trained Paul by revelation before he went into ministry.
 4. You need basic training, so you won't allow satan to deceive you.
 5. Race is a deception. When any person passes this life, the body turns to ashes.
There is no indication as to the color of the body.

- C. The apostles received the Word.
 1. John 20:21-22: They were born again.
 2. John 20:22-23: *Receive* (Gk.: lambano) means *to take*.
 3. The word “*breathed*” is the same word “*breathed*” used in Gen. 2:7.
 4. They were born again (Rom. 10:9).
 5. Acts 1:1-3: 40 days is approximately six weeks. Jesus spends 40 days with them giving them instruction.
 6. Acts 1:8: They were given their assignment (Acts 10:38).
 - a. They were assigned to minister to people who were despised.
 - b. They were assigned to move out into other parts of the world.
 7. Acts 2:1: They received power to do their assignment.
- D. Your call has nothing to do with your passion.
 1. Follow your assignment not your passion.
 2. Paul did not follow his passion (Rom. 10:1).
 3. He cared about his own people, but God sent him to a different people.
 4. Your success is in your assignment.

- III. Mark 11:20-24: God may give you an assignment to speak to a situation.
 - A. Mark 11:22: Have faith in God in the midst of adverse circumstances.
 - B. Mark 11:24: Things can mean places, assignments, movements, etc.
 - C. After you hear, believe you receive them.
 - D. If you hear the assignment, do it beyond your own self and people.
 - E. It doesn’t mean there won’t be turbulence (Mark 4:17).
 1. When I obeyed God regarding the issue around covid 19, I thought my whole congregation would go to the Word and not give in to fear. I was wrong.
 2. The Lord told me to look at the parable of the sower (Mark 4:20).
 3. We are printing T-shirts that say “Mark 4:20 I am Good Ground.”
 - F. Mark 4:20: Be the Christian who plows through all trouble.
 - G. Mark 4:28: They are blessed in the middle of the pandemic.

- IV. Jos. 1:1-5: When you meditate the Word no one will be able to stop you.
 - A. If anyone stands in your way, they will fail but God will not fail you.
 - B. Jos. 1:6: Do that which will make you strong. Tell fear to leave you.
 - C. Jos. 1:7: He repeats Himself, because there is temptation for Joshua to fear.
 1. God will show you what to do (Mark 11:22).
 2. Satan is always trying to pull you away from the Bible.
 - D. Jos. 1:8: Meditate so you may see how to do your assignment.
 - E. Jos. 1:9: God is with you when you face the opposition.

- V. If you are in your assignment, stay in it. Don’t get weary in well doing. You don’t walk away from the ministry, because it’s attached to souls.
 - A. Receive the implanted word in your heart. Do your assignment with courage.

- B. You're never too old.
 - 1. The Lord assignment me to plant churches in the U.S. and in certain parts of the world. I did it.
 - 2. Now He's talking to me about Asia.
 - 3. Php. 4:13: Don't limit yourself. God's anointing strengthens you.
 - 4. My wife and I are just getting started. We are wise enough to know what to do and young enough to do it.
- C. Say yes Lord, your servant hears.
- D. Pray for more laborers in the vineyard. God needs more workers trained and taught in the Word of God who will use what they learned.

Closing Summary

Hearing from God is the first element of faith. When we hear, then we can receive what He said to us. God has an assignment for everyone in the body of Christ. We found out many ways to be in position to hear God when He speaks to us. Then we discovered that receiving the Word the Lord speaks to us is a key element to knowing what to do next to complete our assignment. When we are doing the thing God assigned us to do, we will reap a big harvest: 30, 60 and 100-fold.