



Hearing God's Voice

Ezekiel 12:2

The Big Idea: Opt In to Wisdom. Opt Out of foolishness.

The Bottom Line: When it comes to hearing from God, the challenge is not getting God to speak as much as it is getting in a position to listen. We want answers. God is looking for submission.

Review:

What and **who** I listen to will influence what I do.

The first week, we talked about listening to **others**.

Last week, we talked about listening to **wisdom**.

Introduction:

This week, we'll talk about listening to **God**.

God created communication, so that makes him the best communicator. So, why is it so difficult to hear God's voice?

Tension:

The challenge is not getting God to speak to us as much as it is getting into a position to listen to him.

On several occasions, in the New Testament after Jesus would finish a message, he would say something like this:

“Whoever has **ears to hear**, let them hear.”

“If anyone has **ears to hear**, let them hear.”

Jesus is saying, I've spoken, but not everyone will hear because not everyone is in a position to listen.

Truth:

Ezekiel 12:2, “Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.”

God points out to Ezekiel that when people have their backs turned on God, they may hear words, but they won’t hear God.

*The danger of arguing with God is
He will let you win the argument.*

God does not communicate his will for your consideration, but for your obedience.

Jesus confirmed this when he taught us to pray in Matthew 6:9-10: “This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

God demands a **“Thy will be done” attitude.**

Conclusion:

God wants surrender. Surrendered hearts are listening hearts.

God does not speak for your consideration. He does not need or want your thoughts on his commands. Besides, he already knows what you’re thinking. He speaks for your submission and obedience.

Getting to the place of “Thy will be done” is the necessary beginning. As you turn your ears in his direction, you will discover that he has been speaking to you all along.

God is speaking, but are you in a position to listen?
Are you living with a “Thy will be done” attitude?

What are you clinging to that so valuable?

What are you facing that’s worth more than hearing from the Lord?

Is it worth missing God’s voice?

Is it worth missing God’s will?

Application:

Repent and ask God to help you develop a “Thy will be done” attitude and heart.
Facing God’s direction and come to him with a surrendered heart and spirit.

Next Steps:

- Memorize Matthew 6:9-10.
- Repent of Your Rebellious Spirit.
- Develop a “Thy Will Be Done.”
- Face God’s Direction and Listen Carefully

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....

