

Revolutionary Church (Revolutionary Prayer)

Message #4- “In Tune’- Listening to the Voice of God” Part 1

John 10:14-16, 27; Survey of Acts

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Big Idea: *If prayer is communication with God, or better yet, communion with God, did you ever think He wants to talk with you? But just like good communication, it takes a listening heart to hear the voice of God.*

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father— and I lay down my life for the sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”
John 10:14-16, 27

God’s Leading Spirit in the Book of Acts

Acts 8:29-30 *“The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it.’”*

Acts 13:1-3 *“In the church at Antioch...2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”*

Acts 15:28-29 *“It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements...”*

Acts 16:6-10 *“Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”*

Acts 20:22-24 *“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.”*

Four Prerequisites to Hearing

the Voice of God

1. _____ - Living with _____

“Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.” 1 Sam. 3:8-9

Listening with a “maybe” on your heart is not surrender.

2. _____ - Restore _____

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24

“If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you. 24 But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand, 25 since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, 26 I in turn will laugh at your disaster; I will mock when calamity overtakes you— 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. 28 Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me.”
Proverbs 1:22-28

3. _____ - Quit _____ - Start _____

“So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.”

“He who answers before listening— that is his folly and his shame.” Proverbs 18:13

4. ----- **heart- Clear out** -----.

Acts 10:9-18 "About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray."

"O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul. ³ O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and for evermore." Psalm 131

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The first step- I MUST -----.