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Healing Chapter 3

Lesson 2: Hearing God

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Hearing God

1. Develop Your Spiritual Ear

- a. Hearing God is the key skill you need to hone to minister to others (and yourself).
- b. Receiving what God has for us comes from relationship with Him.
- c. Prayer is not just talking to God but listening to hear what He has to say. Practice listening as much as talking.
- d. John 10:27 – *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*
 - We hear and we receive.
- e. Romans 10:17 – *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
 - We have a spiritual ear, an ability to hear on God on the inside of us in our spirit. Developing this “ear” is crucial to receiving everything we have by faith.
- f. The more we get to know someone, the more trust and confidence (faith) we can put in that person.
- g. Growing in a marriage relationship takes both quantity and quality of time. It’s the same in our relationship with the Lord.
- h. With God, there’s always more that we can know. The better we know Him, the clearer we’ll hear Him when He speaks to us.
- i. When you know someone, you can discern if a statement is something they’d say.
- j. We were all created by God with an ability to hear Him and to respond to the sound of His voice.
- k. God brings guidance and direction. He also reveals His heart and enlightens His Word. He protects us from danger and shows us opportunities.

2. Let the Holy Spirit Be the Minister

- a. It’s important to hear God for yourself, but it’s crucial when ministering to others.
- b. You may not know the person, or you may be able to encourage their faith by listening to the Holy Spirit for them.
- c. People see how much God loves them in that He’s willing to talk to you about them. He cares enough about their problem to reveal it to someone else.
- d. The Holy Spirit is the best minister. He knows the heart of man. He knows exactly what’s broken and how to fix it.

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3. The Inner Witness

- a. Romans 9:1 — *I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit*
- b. The Holy Spirit can be an inner witness, a knowing on the inside.
- c. You may hear something and just know on the inside that it's true or not true. The Holy Spirit is working with you to bear witness to truth.
- d. Some describe a "check" in their spirit.
- e. The God part of you on the inside is tuning in and leading you to all truth.
- f. You could feel peace and confirmation or uncertainty and lack of peace. Both are meant to guide you.
- g. Colossians 3:15 AMPC — *And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts*
- h. We can hear God by the absence or presence of peace.

4. The Sound of the Spirit

- a. What does the Holy Spirit sound like? We can miss the leading of the Holy Spirit because we dismiss a word thinking, "That's just me and my own thoughts."
- b. God on the inside of you sounds like you! Don't expect a booming voice from heaven. God uses your own thoughts, and it will sound like your own voice.
- c. His Spirit works with your spirit to lead or confirm.
- d. So, how do you know it's God? How do you discern between your own ideas and His? The Word of God!
- e. The more you get to know God through His Word, the more easily you can discern your thoughts, His thoughts, and the enemy's lies.
- f. When you're in relationship with God, you know His character, personality, and nature.

5. Discerning the Voice of God

- a. Consider the train of thought leading to the conclusion. A logical train of thought isn't typically God speaking.
- b. When you have a thought out of nowhere, it could be God interjecting into your imagination and planting a seed.

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- c. Not every random thought is God though. So, take the thought captive (2 Cor. 10:5) and measure it against John 10:10.
- d. John 10:10 – *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*
 - Ask yourself: Does this thought come to kill, steal, or destroy? If so, it comes from the thief, satan. Or is it coming to give life and life abundantly? Then it could be from God.
- e. Ask the Holy Spirit for more information, for a scripture to confirm this thought/idea.
 - God will never contradict His Word. He's magnified His Word even above His name (Psalm 138:2).
- f. Pray into that thought and the Lord will expand it with peace or scripture. Or you'll experience a lack of peace and know this isn't from God.

6. Other People and Circumstances

- a. The Lord can give or confirm a word through someone else.
- b. Circumstances can align with a word from the Lord.
- c. Be aware: these methods can be manipulated or misinterpreted.
- d. Even well-meaning people can give a word that's more from their flesh, their mental knowledge, than from the spirit.
- e. Circumstances often confirmed God's Word in the Old Covenant when they didn't have the Holy Spirit inside them to lead them.
- f. Circumstances are subject to change! You can consider the circumstances as you discern, but don't place your faith in a circumstance working out.
- g. The Spirit in us, the Word of God, and the voice of God in us are more reliable than circumstances.

7. Practice Listening

- a. You can (and should) practice listening to the Lord.
- b. You can place a demand on hearing God. Say, "Lord, help me to hear you more clearly. I want to hear you more clearly." Then expect to receive.

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- c. Try this as a small group activity or on your own:
 - Grab pens, pieces of paper, and envelopes.
 - Clear out other thoughts and distractions and ask God to help you hear Him more clearly.
 - Take a few minutes and write down what comes to your spirit without a train of thought. It could be a word or even a picture. He might give you someone in the group's name to go with it.
 - If you do hear someone else's name with your thoughts/pictures. Put the paper in the envelope to give to that person. This allows them to process those thoughts later without any pressure.
 - This gives the recipient a chance to practice too.
- d. Place yourself in a position of expectancy. Take time to practice not speaking and meditating on Jesus. Play some calm worship music if you want.
- e. Remember: You can hear God!
- f. Practice with a treasure hunt or hide-and-seek. Ask the Lord what He wants to show you or who He wants you to minister to/bless today. Let Him give you a picture.
- g. The more you practice, the more confident and proficient you become.

8. Maturity and Obedience

- a. You are making yourself available to be a voice for the Holy Spirit, giving Him permission to work through you. That is what ministry is all about.
- b. John 16:13-14 — ¹³ *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.* ¹⁴ *He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*
- c. The job of the Holy Spirit is to take things from the heart of the Father and declare them to you, to lead you into truth.
- d. As you position yourself and expect to hear God, He will be glorified. You can glorify God simply by listening!
- e. Hebrews 5:13-14 — ¹³ *For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.* ¹⁴ *But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

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- f. A mature believer has exercised their sense to discern good and evil by partaking of righteousness. Baby believers haven't exercised, learned, or grown.
- g. Recognizing and knowing the voice of our Father is a mark of a mature believer.
- h. His sheep hear His voice *and follow Him*. We need to hear and be prepared to act.
- i. As a minister, don't fall into the trap of trying to be the Holy Spirit for someone. You are not a substitute for their relationship with the Lord.
- j. We want to draw people into their own Christ-dependent relationship. We can encourage, confirm, give insight and wisdom, point them to truth.
- k. We want to encourage people to hear God themselves and to act on what they hear.
- l. You can ask, "What's the last thing God told you to do?" Some people feel like they don't have direction when they haven't done the last thing God told them.
- m. We need to exercise our senses.

9. Hearing God Costs You

- a. Hearing God costs time and attention.
- b. Living a relationship with the Lord costs your heart, passion, and will.
- c. We submit our heart, our life, and our will to God.
- d. Revelation 3:20 — Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
 - We need to hear *and* open the door.
- e. Jesus wants you to hear and follow Him.
- f. Luke 8:18 — *Therefore take heed how you hear...*
- g. God wants to get more to you: more of His power flowing through you, more of His Spirit in you, more prosperity, healing and deliverance coming out of your lips and into other people. He wants to see your hands and feet moving and take you places you've never dreamed of. He wants to enlarge you and prosper you.
- h. Our part is to listen and follow.
- i. Christ in us is not a visitation it's an inhabitation.
- j. Develop your hearing for yourself, not just when the pastor preaches.
- k. *Take heed how you hear* — Who are you listening to? What voices are you letting in?

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Scriptures from Lesson 2

John 10:27

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Romans 10:17

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Colossians 3:15

And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].

2 Corinthians 10:5

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

John 10:10

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Psalms 138:2

*I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*

John 16:13-14

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Luke 8:18

Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."