

NEW SERIES

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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN IN THE WORLD?
WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?
WHY WOULD AN INFINITE GOD CARES ABOUT
THE FINITE CHALLENGES YOU EXPERIENCE DAY TO DAY.



WONDERING

BREAKING OPEN SIMPLE TRUTHS FOUND IN SCRIPTURE THAT ANSWER COMPLEX QUESTIONS FOUND IN LIFE.

CLOSER LOOK: 05.12.22

"Can I Hear God's Voice?"

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Message Notes:

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH:

- Jesus
 - Does the "voice" bring you closer to Jesus or push you further away...the voice of God will always bring you closer to Jesus
- His still small voice
 - 1 Kings 19:11-13
- The word of God
 - Psalm 119:72: John 1:1-3
- His peace
 - Colossians 3:15
- Our wrong choices and sins
 - Jeremiah 2:18
- People
 - Proverbs 15:22
- Holy Spirit
 - Acts 13:2

Questions:

- Acts 13:27 and John 12:28-29 are scriptures that reminds us that we can hear but miss hearing the message. Describe a time when you "heard" things, but weren't really listening.
 - What happened as a result? What did you learn from that experience?
- In this message, Ps Joe taught us that like Jesus, when listening for the voice of God, we need to REMOVE DOUBT and CREATE MARGIN in our life.
 - What doubts might be holding you back and need removed from your life right now?
 - What might help you to create margin for hearing from God?

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Prayer:

Father, thank you that you want to speak to me. Help me to remove doubt, create margin and be a "listener" and "doer" of your words (James 1:22-25).

Thank you for Jesus, your forgiveness & peace, for your Holy Spirit and the people around me who have a desire to help me become more like you. I know you have plans that you want me to be a part of so that your glory will become known. I choose to listen and put into action all that you have to say.

What's Coming Up:

• MAY 15: CLI Open House

• MAY 22: GT Baptisms

• JUNE 21-23: Celebration KiDS Camp

• JULY 20: WAVE Student Conference

AMEN

Challenge:

What are you stirred to change in your life as a result of this message? ...and what might help empower/equip you for that?