



Hearing God's Voice

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I. God Made You to Find Rest in His Presence

- The story of Jesus, Mary, and Martha. (Luke 10:38-42)
 - Jesus is saying, the "good portion" was Mary's decision to _____.
- We must choose to _____ in His presence. (Psalm 127:2, Psalm 37:7)
- You won't discover true rest if you don't make time to _____ Him. (Matt 6:31-33)
- _____ to first rest in the Lord in the face of a busy day is godly wisdom.

II. God Made You to Hear His Voice

- He loves you and wants to make it _____ to you. (Ps 139:17-18)
- God desires to _____ his truth to you. (Jeremiah 33:3; Isaiah 30:21)
- God wants to _____ you. (Rev 3:20)
- Listening Prayer
 1. The free flow of thoughts that come to us when _____ is fixed on Jesus.
 2. Begins by asking questions and sustained through listening and responding.
 3. A question is really an invitation to a deeper _____.
 4. We must learn _____ in order to be able to handle it in the chaos of a busy day.
- Four Helpful Steps to Hear His Voice
 1. Quiet _____. (Ps 46:10)
 2. Focus on _____.
 3. _____, Wait, Listen. (Matt 7:7; Hab 2:1-3; Isaiah 40:31)
 4. _____ it down. (1 Cor 2:16; Is 55:8-9)

III. God Made You to Know His Voice

- Jesus said we can know His voice. (John 10:3-4; John 8:47)
- Four Filters To Discern God's Voice
 1. Does what I'm sensing align with _____?
 2. Does what I'm hearing align with the _____?
 3. Does what I'm sensing produce _____?
 4. Does my _____ agree that this sounds like God?
- Barriers to Hearing the Lord's Voice
 1. You don't have a _____ with Jesus Christ.
 2. Unforgiveness for _____, or _____. (Mark 11:25-26)
 3. Any _____ sin. (Psalm 66:18)
 4. Not being _____ with the Lord. (James 5:16)