

Nehemiah (God is Faithful)

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Nehemiah 2:4 *Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.*

- In verses 8 and 11 Nehemiah makes the claim that his prayer is confirmed by God.
- **How do I know God is speaking to me? John 10:27** *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

Discipleship Homework: Spend time in prayer this week. But instead of just talking, **wait and listen for God to speak.**

Questions to ask if whether we are hearing God, our thoughts, or the enemy:

- Does the voice contradict God's Word?
1 Thessalonians 5:21 *But test everything; hold fast what is good. God will not contradict Himself.*

Romans 12:1-2

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Cf. Ephesians 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word

- Are the promptings confusing or vague?
1 Corinthians 14:33 *For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.*
Ephesians 5:17 *Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

Colossians 1:24-26

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

- Does it lead to sin?
Galatians 5:24-25 *And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*
Cf. John 5 (pool of Bethesda) and John 8 (woman caught in adultery) "go and sin no more"
- Bonus, seek godly counsel from a Christian friend, family member, or pastor. Cf. Proverbs 15:22; Hebrews 13:17

Every person is created uniquely and therefore can receive information from God differently.

Three Dimensions of the Receptors:

1. External – Spiritual information revealed through the natural realm such as creation and the physical world around us.
2. Internal – Spiritual information revealed through our internal realm as in our inner man, including our mind, will, and emotions.
3. Mystical – Spiritual information revealed to our physical senses for the heavenly realm, including tangible experiences with the spirit realm, spiritual beings, etc.

God is speaking more than you think to you.