

JOE #10: HEBREWS 5:11-14 "GO DEEPER"

A marriage counselor once said, "Most marriages don't end because people stop talking. They end because people stop listening." Couples can sit at the same table, share the same bed, raise the same kids—and still drift miles apart. Not because words aren't spoken, but because they aren't received. One husband described it this way: "We never fought. We communicated all the time. But eventually I realized—she was talking, and I was waiting for my turn to talk back. I was hearing sounds, but I wasn't listening with my heart." **K1 FORMS OF LISTENING:** Passive Listening (sound reaches ear nothing retained). Selective Listening (tune in what we like). Defensive listening (preparing response). Attentive Listening (Present focused unchanged). Active Listening (Transform) – DESCRIBES U/SPOUSE.. **SD**

- Relationships stop listening like airplane with stalled engine, losing altitude, crash
SAME WITH GOD: This church not volume or clarity problem. Listening problem. Pursuit of Jesus.

Like in marriage, w/ God when listening breaks down stalled, losing altitude, crash

K2 MP: Spiritual maturity comes when we respond to God's Word with obedience, growing into deeper understanding of Jesus. I WANT TALK MORE MELCH. BUT **SD YOU'VE STALLED AND YOU'RE REGRESSING**

WHAT LED TO THE CONDITION OF STALLED GROWTH? **DULL OF HEARING**

Dull: Lethargic, apathetic, unwilling to exert effort

- Spiritually apathetic rather than ignorant. Weary. Disappointed. Familiar. Routine. Suffering without processing. **PAUSE ON THIS**

These were battle-worn saints under pressure. This isn't the dullness of defiance. It's the dullness that comes when faithful people stop responding because life has worn them down. **LOST SIGHT OF JESUS – HEART ISSUE**

- **UNDENIABLE LINK BETWEEN PURSUIT OF JESUS. HEARING. OBEDIENCE**

K3 Matthew 7:24 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.....26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Luke 8:21 My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.

K4 Spiritual hearing is not merely about information reaching our ears but about truth reaching our hearts so that it transforms our lives.

- Leads to either obedience in the pursuit of Christ or resistance to him.> obedience leads to growth. other to spiritual regression. **CALL FOR RECAL **SD****

FROM REGRESSING TO RECALIBRATING – Set the course and get engines altitude
EXPECTED SPIRITUAL TRAJECTORY – FLIGHT PATH TOWARDS SPIRITUAL MATURITY

- We look different, and we grow differently – THERE SHOULD BE GROWTH
Growing things. KIDS growing up – some solid family principles to teach. STUNT MEDIC

- EXPECTATION: U SHOULD BE TEACHERS – not lack gifting wasted time opport

K5 Time in the faith should have produced maturity capable of instructing others.

- Regressing: when the motor stops, you don't just glide indefinitely. **SD**

Some of you have been faithful a long time. You didn't walk away. You didn't quit. And God sees that. But Hebrews says faithfulness w/o continued responsiveness and relentless pursuit of Jesus eventually stalls maturity and intimacy.

CALL TO RECALIBRATE: intention to move from stalled and stagnant to strong

FROM STAGNANT TO STRONG – FOLLOWING CHRIST IS A JOURNEY

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY – STARTING POINT (John 3:3) – END (Rom 8:28) **NEXT STEPS**

K6 Colossians 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

EVALUATE WHERE YOU'RE AT AND WHERE GOD WANTS TO TAKE YOU **SD**

- They were like babies – when they should have been much further along

ἀρχή (archē): Beginning, origin, first stage, Building blocks ABCs of instruction

- **STILL LIVING ON MILK – Mother's milk. Powerful. Perfect Balance fats, proteins, carbs, loaded antibodies immune system, healthy bacteria, easy to digest, fatty acids for cognitive development, changes over time adapt development stages, - CRITICAL BUT NOT INTENDED FOREVER. Growing Diet to Develop Maturity**

K7 Their problem wasn't that the author had nothing deeper to say about Jesus. Their problem was that their spiritual hearing had become so dull that they couldn't digest it.

ANSWER: Renewed hunger for the pursuit of Jesus through the Word/Obedience

- Full spiritual maturity is the destination. **FORMATION IMAGE OF JESUS** **SD**
 - o God's tools in shaping you – **Holy Spirit. The Word. Obedience**
 - o Specific: Like him sacrificial love, unconditional obedience, living for God's mission, relentless pursuit of God's glory, genuine compassion.

K8 The question isn't, "Am I becoming a better version of myself?" The question is, "Am I becoming more like Jesus?"

- It's God's Word that works powerfully to Grow us as we actively listen

K9 Matthew 4:4 Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

- o **HANGRY: Feed Me. Where that spiritually. WHAT FEEDING. GROWING?**

Daily Lectio, Engaged in teaching, groups, HTSYB, BASICS – **HUMBLE OBEDIENCE** **SD**

FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD LEADS TO TRANSFORMATION – practiced discernment

Strong Church (Strong Christ Followers) – THAT'S STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH

K10 The strength of the church is not the talent on the stage, it's the maturity in the seats.

Discerning between good and evil: LAS VEGAS. REAL SIGN CHRISTLIKENESS

Spiritual maturity is not simply growing in knowledge. It is growing in our ability to see and savor the fullness of Jesus.