NOISES & VOICES

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KEY VERSE:

*Proverbs 24:3 (GWT)*

With wisdom a house is built. With understanding it is ESTABLISHED.

INTRODUCTION:

Establish your future by listening to the right voice. Understanding which voice you need to listen to is crucial for your well-being and mental health. Listening to the wrong voices creates anxiety, but listening to the right voices creates peace.

The main voice we hear is our own voice.

What are you saying to yourself? Who is influencing your voice?

1. The voice of self doubt
2. The voice of negativity
3. The voice of uncertainty
4. The voice of criticism
5. The voice of unbelief
6. The voice of half truths
7. The voice of intimidation
ELIJAH HEARD A GENTLE WHISPER

1 Kings 19:11-13 (TLB)

“Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there until the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain; it was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake, there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his scarf and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave, and a VOICE said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

Life can have a lot of noises – but are they helping you or distracting you? In the good days people tend to listen to their favourite voices but in the challenging times people need to learn to listen to the right voice. Be the right voice for people to listen to in this season.

Ephesians 4:20-24 (TLB)

But that isn’t the way Christ taught you! If you have really heard his VOICE and learned from him the truths concerning himself, then throw off your old nature – the old you that was a partner in your self-centered ways causing moral decay, full of lust and lies. Now let your attitudes and thoughts be constantly changing for the better. Yes, you are a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature.
7 THINGS JESUS’ VOICE CAN DO FOR YOU IN THIS SEASON

*John 10:27-28 (TLB)*
My sheep recognize my VOICE, and I know them, and they follow me.

1. HIS VOICE USES A LANGUAGE WE CAN UNDERSTAND
Use a language that resonates with people & helps them to understand

*Matthew 5:2-10 (ERV)*
Jesus began teaching the people. He said, “God blesses those who are poor in spirit and realise their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

2. HIS VOICE IS REASSURING
Be reassuring and put people at ease

*Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)*
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

3. HIS VOICE GIVES PERSPECTIVE
Help people to see it the right way

*Matthew 6:25-27 (TLB)*
So, here is my counsel: Don’t worry about getting things – food, drink, and clothes. For you already have life and a body – and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. Look at the birds! They don’t worry about what to eat – they don’t need to sow or reap or store up food – for your heavenly Father feeds them. And
you are far more valuable to him than they are. Will all your worries add more time
to your life?

4. HIS VOICE CALLS US TO ACTION
Call people to action, giving them something to do.

Matthew 9:35-38 (MSG)
Then Jesus travelled to all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting
places, spoke about kingdom, and healed their bruised and broken lives. When he
looked out over the crowds, his heart broke because they were confused and
aimless, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his
disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”

Matthew 10:1-2 (MSG)
The prayer was no sooner prayed than it was answered. Jesus called twelve of his
followers and sent them out with authority and power

5. HIS VOICE IS FULL OF HOPE
Speak words that give people hope.

John 14:25-27 (TLB)
“I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. But when the Father
sends the Comforter instead of me and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit—he
will teach you much, as well as remind you of everything I have told you. “I am
leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And my peace I give isn’t fragile
like the peace the world gives. So don’t be anxious or afraid.

6. HIS VOICE IS ALWAYS TRUSTWORTHY
Being consistent and credible helps people to trust.

John 16:33 (MSG)
I’ve told you all this so that by trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured,
deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties.
But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
7. HIS VOICE IS VERY PRACTICAL
Keep it practical and easy for people to do

Matthew 6:6 (MSG)
Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

Matthew 9:23-26 (TLB)
When Jesus arrived at the rabbi’s home and saw the noisy crowds and heard the funeral music, he said, “Get them out, for the little girl isn’t dead; she is only sleeping!” They began to mock and sneered at him! When the crowd was finally moved outside, Jesus went in where the little girl was lying and took her by the hand, and she jumped up and was all right again! The report of this wonderful miracle swept the entire countryside.

Personal reflection:

1. What is the One Thing that stood out to you from today’s message? Write it down so that you can be reminded through the week.

2. How can you start to apply this One Thing to your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of your purpose and value.

3. Who can you share your “One Thing” with?

Father, help me to hear the right voices, to hear your voice so that my future can be established and continue to move forward. Amen.