

The Holy Ghost

- Week 7 -

Strengthened by the food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ¹¹The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave." I Kings 19:8-13

Learning how to hear from God is the most important skill for a disciple of Jesus

Hearing from God is about [intimacy](#) over [information](#)

NOTHING will determine your destiny more than learning how to hear the whispers of the Holy Spirit

Listening doesn't happen by [default](#). It happens by [design](#) You must create a quiet space.

If you want to do more by doing less, get into God's presence.

A [whisper](#) from God could change your life or the lives of those around you

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

- Read 1 Kings 19:1-3. Share a few observations.
- Why do you think Elijah went through the effort of traveling forty days and forty nights?
- In vs. 11, Elijah is instructed to "stand in the presence of the Lord". What are a few things you can do to get into the "presence of the Lord"?
- Listening doesn't happen automatically. We need to create "a quiet place". Do you have a place you go when you want to listen to God?
- Reflect on a typical week. When can you find time to be quiet and listen? What are a few practical things you can do to better hear from God?
- Share a time in your life when you heard from God? What did He say? How did He speak?
- Is there an area in your life when you need to hear from God? Share that with your family or small group and invite them to pray with you for discernment.

Join us in JULY!

July 10th Church Picnic & Dwell at Veterans Memorial Park 4PM-7PM

We'd love to have you join us for our Heritage family picnic this summer! Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Food will be served starting at 4:30pm until it runs out. Then, from 6-7pm, we will end our time worshipping together.

July 16th Young Adult Float Trip. All graduating high school seniors and young adults ages 18-22 are invited to join us for a kayak trip this summer. We will leave Bettendorf campus at 8am and travel to Monticello, Iowa for a day on the river. Seats are limited so head to the Church Center app and get registered today!

Today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV]

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