



SPEAK PT.2 | THE NOISE INSIDE | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

RECAP:

-GOD'S PRESENCE IS ON THE EARTH RIGHT NOW.

-HE IS PRESENT VIA HIS HOLY SPIRIT, WHO OPERATES IN AND WITH HIS CHURCH (THE BODY OF CHRIST)

LAST WEEK WE LEARNED ABOUT THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT..

JOHN 14:15-17

ANOTHER: **Allos:** another of the SAME kind

HELPER: **parakletos:** compound word of 2 words: **para** and **kaleo**.

Para means "very close" **Kaleo** means "to call"

JOHN 14:26

CONSIDER JESUS' LIFE AND MINISTRY:

- He was conceived by the Spirit (Matt 1:20; Luke 1:31-25)
- He was led by the Spirit (Matt 4:1; Luke 4:1)
- He was empowered by the Spirit (Luke 4:14; 18-19; John 3:34)
- He was taught by the Spirit and obeyed Him (John 5:10, 30; 14:10)

HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU AND I NEED TO LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT IF JESUS DID???

TOWARDS THE END OF LAST WEEK, I ASKED 3 QUESTIONS...

-Who are you listening to?

-Who do you submit to?

-What voice has the greatest influence in your life?

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT: IF WE ARE GOING TO LIVE A LIFE FOR AND THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, AND HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD, WE MUST LEARN WHAT “VOICES” ARE NOT HIS.

*****REALITY CHECK: MY OWN VOICE IS NOT THE VOICE OF GOD!*****

JESUS DESCRIBES WHAT HIS CHURCH SHOULD BE LIKE:

MATTHEW 5:13-16

TRUTH: THE CHURCH OF JESUS (HIS BODY/KINGDOM) SHOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD. WE LIVE IN THE WORLD FOR A LITTLE WHILE TO INFLUENCE, CHANGE, AND SHOW THE WORLD JESUS.

AND IT MATTERS WHAT OR WHOM WE LISTEN TO AND OBEY...

HE FINISHES HIS SERMON THIS WAY: MATTHEW 7:24-29

HERE'S THE PROBLEM... THE “NOISE” IS SO LOUD AND SO CONSTANT

QUESTION... HAVE YOU EVER FOLLOWED SOME REALLY BAD ADVICE FROM THE LOUD CONSTANT VOICES IN YOUR LIFE?

WE ALL HAVE 3 TYPES OF LOUD CONSTANT VOICES:

- THE INNER VOICE (SELF)**
- THE OUTER VOICES (THOSE WHO INFLUENCE MY INNER VOICE)**
- THE ENEMY'S VOICE (MAY BE MIXED IN WITH THE OTHER 2)**

SOME REALLY BAD, LOUD, & POPULAR ADVICE:

- follow your heart (emotions)**
- follow your dreams**
- never give up**
- YOLO**

THAT ADVICE IS ABOUT LIVING WITH A MINDSET OF SELF-INDULGENCE, SELFISH AMBITION, ALL ABOUT "ME".

QUOTE: "We've all rationalized bad decisions. Whether it was buying something you couldn't afford or didn't need, doing something you knew was wrong, or opting out of something you should have done, we always seem to be able to justify our decisions. But when we make these kinds of decisions, we deceive ourselves into believing that there's a logic behind them. Sometimes, we're oblivious to this deception and sometimes, deep down, we know what we're doing."

-Christopher Dwyer Ph.D. for *Psychology Today*

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THAT'S TODAY'S TOPIC: THE NOISE INSIDE!

KEY #1: I NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT **MY VOICE** IS NOT THE LOUDEST VOICE IN MY LIFE... AND THAT MY VOICE IS BENDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.... NOT MY OWN SELFISH AMBITION OR EVEN CURIOSITY!

Isaiah 55:6-9

KEY #2: GOD'S THOUGHTS, HIS WAYS, ARE HIGHER, BETTER, MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY OWN OR ANYONE ELSE'S. BUT HE ENABLES US TO HEAR HIM WHEN WE SEEK HIM.

MATTHEW 7:7-11

A BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS: acting in accordance with divine or moral law, being free from guilt or sin.

BEFORE JESUS CAME TO THE EARTH, GOD SENT HIS LAW TO HIS PEOPLE CALLED THE JEWS... THE LAW SHOWED THE WORLD THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHTEOUSNESS (GOD) AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (US)... BUT THE LAW COULD NOT SAVE ANYONE!

ROMANS 3:9-20

ROMANS 3:21-26

BUT DOES THAT MEAN THAT I NOW LISTEN TO MY "INNER VOICE" BECAUSE I'M NOW JUSTIFIED???

NO, WE HAVE TO SPIRITUALLY CRUCIFY OUR OLD SELF... WHO WANTS AND CRAVES SIN...

ROMANS 6:1-14; 15-23

SO, WHAT IS IT? AM I A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST OR NOT!?!?!?

OF COURSE YOU ARE, BUT YOU MUST LIVE FOR A LITTLE WHILE IN THIS FLESH WORLD, IN A FLESH BODY... BUT NOW I AM UNDER GRACE... WHICH IS NOT AN EXCUSE TO SIN BUT A MEANS TO TAKE MY SINFUL NATURE CAPTIVE...

KEY #3: LIFE AFTER SALVATION DOES NOT MEAN INSTANT PERFECTION, BUT A LIFE UNDER THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS A LIFE UNDER GRACE... NOT AS AN EXCUSE TO SIN BUT AS A MEANS TO STRIVE TO BE MORE AND MORE LIKE JESUS AND LESS AND LESS LIKE OUR FORMER SELF.

AS I TAKE MY THOUGHTS (MY INNER VOICE) CAPTIVE, IT BEGINS TO DROWN OUT THE NOISE TO HEAR GOD (BUILDING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT). THIS LEADS ME TO EMBRACE HIS PRESENCE NOW, AND MY NEW IDENTITY IN CHRIST... HOLDING TO HIS PROMISE OF FUTURE GLORY!

ROMANS 8:18-39

KEY #4: NEVER FORGET: NOTHING IN THIS LIFE CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM GOD'S LOVE! GOD WANTS A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. HE WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.

TO FINISH TODAY, I WANT TO ASK... HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING AS A SLAVE TO SELF? MEANING SELFISHNESS, PRIDE, EGO, ANGER, UNFORGIVENESS, SELF-MEDICATION?

THIS LIFE IS HARD... BUT GOD'S GRACE IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE FACED OR SUBMITTED TO.

JOHN 15:1-17