

What Hinders You From Hearing God

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give permission to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God” (Rev. 2:7).

The Holy Spirit is likened to a wind, or stream of air, carrying words that whisper life and power. We cannot see the wind, but we see its effect. The wind carries the whisper of God from one place to another.

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Matt. 11:15).

Are our ears awake? Better yet, do we want our ears awakened? We are all in the process of not only hearing but truly listening. In this moment, I nudge you to ask, “Did you hear that sound?”

Often the interference of the artificial noise that surrounds us dulls our ability to attentively listen to the Spirit’s *Wind Words*. However, another hindrance to our ability to hear is the familiarity of having already heard. When we have heard something time and time again, we may tune it out and quit really listening.

If we think we know what somebody is going to say, we listen differently. However, once our ears are opened, we cannot help but lend the sound of our voices.

“Open your mouth for the speechless in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy” (Prov. 31:8-9).

Will we speak up for those who’ve had their voices silenced?

We have been made kings and priests before our God. So even if others remain silent, we are to speak out.

Is this how you would describe yourself? Can you see yourself as someone of bold faith who not only hears but also speaks the words of God on the earth? As the Holy Spirit speaks to you this week, lean into His counsel. Allow Him to reveal Himself to you in an unfamiliar way.

It is my earnest prayer that my words will awaken something uncontainable hidden within you. I hope you will rise up with strength and bring God-wonder wherever you go. Then together, we will be a force this world has never seen.

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