

Why We Must Hear Our Father's Voice

All around us, the hearts of men and women are failing. Many are spiritually asleep from sorrow over a world in turmoil. It's so easy to listen to the voices of this world when we need to be hearing the voice of the Father.

In 2012, when I was serving on the National Executive Committee of America for Jesus, I met a businessman from Philadelphia whose son was part of a yacht crew and competed in regattas. During one competition, several university scouts had come to watch his son.

"There were thousands of people there, and I was screaming for him, 'You've got this, son!'" my friend explained.

Later he said to his son, "I'm so sorry if I embarrassed you, I'm just so proud of you." His son replied: "Dad, out of all those other voices out there, the only one I hear is yours."

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That's what we all need, isn't it? In a world with so much confusion, so many voices, we all need to tune our ears to listen for and hear only what our Father is saying.

I was part of a recent prayer meeting for Israel and the Middle East when a Jewish woman came up to me. She was probably in her 70s. "I've never been in a church before," she said. "But I really sensed the *ruach* of God."

"Ruach" is a Hebrew depiction of the *dunamis* of God, His breath, His Spirit. It's what we see in Acts 2, when tongues of fire came by the wind or power of God. God wants to endue us with that same power, and it comes from the place of

hearing His voice and not listening to the voices of this world. It comes from a place of humility and worship.

We are in a pivotal and significant moment right now, and it's more important than ever for us to realize we have a destination that we need to step into. But are we willing to do that? Will we choose to step into the *ruach*, the *dunamis* moment? Are we willing to say, "I want to step in because I have a story to tell"?

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We need to return to our first love, to the place of God's calling. We need to focus on hearing our Father's voice. We need to worship Him regardless of the obstacles and adversities because He is bigger than our circumstances. When we hear His voice, we're able to walk with Him and continue the work He has called us to do.

The nations are fatherless. The world is in turmoil. We need to step into our moments, individually and corporately, to make an impact in a world where hearts are failing. Those who tell the story define the narrative and create the history. What's your story?

Your story is not based on how equipped or how qualified you think you are. It's about saying, "I trust You, Lord! And I'm stepping in!" It's about hearing the voice of your Father and what He is saying to you and about you right now.

I always say, "The highest form of worship is simple obedience." When we worship Him with our "yes" and step into the moment where He has called us, He strengthens us and equips us for the battles ahead.

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