

"If anyone can hear My voice"

Ice breaker: Share testimonies of instances in which one's inner or satan's voice contested with God's.

PERSONAL VOICE - Psalm 42:5 NIV and 1 Samuel 15:1-3,9 NASB and Esther 3:1,5 NLT

(i) What are the dangers of our personal voice? (ii) How should we handle the personal voice?

(i) It speaks on the basis of circumstances and mood swings. (ii) Like David, we should address it and make it align with God's Word.

(i) What was Saul's biggest mistake in 1 Samuel? (ii) What were the consequences of his disobedience?

(i) Saul listened to his inner voice and disobeyed God. He spared king Agag of the Amalekites and some livestock that he was clearly instructed to destroy. (ii) Later, it is Agag's descendant that seeks to destroy the Saul's descendants, 600 years after Saul's disobedience. **NB: Disobedience can affect generations. Some of us are either dealing with shortfalls of our forefathers or creating them for our descendants.**

Open discussion: Discuss areas in which believers currently disobey God due to their inner voice.

THE VOICE OF THE ENEMY – 1 Kings 19:1-9 NLT

(i) What is unexpected about Elijah's reaction to Jezebel's threat? (ii) What are the effects of fear that we observe in Elijah?

(i) Elijah is unexpectedly terrorised by a woman after killing 450 prophets of Baal. (ii) Elijah isolates himself. He despises and relegates himself. He hides. He becomes suicidal. **NB: That is the crippling effect of the voice of the enemy when we harken to it. Some believers are hiding behind careers, money, titles, possessions, looks, commitments, etc.**

THE VOICE OF THE LORD – Revelations 3:20 and Luke 5:27-30 and 7:36 and 24:28-32 NKJV

(i) What is the result of listening to the voice of the Lord? (ii) What does the Lord want to do when we hear His voice and open our hearts to Him?

(i) We get the opportunity to open our hearts for Him to come in. (ii) The Lord wants to dine with us.

Looking at the three meals in Luke, what are the benefits of dining with the Lord?

(a) Sinners get drawn to Jesus when we dine with Him. (b) We get to worship Him, madly so. (c) He speaks to us and gives us bread (His Word) and water (the Holy Spirit). (d) When He speaks to us, our eyes open and our hearts feel warm.

Closing: Having His Word and His Spirit is all that we need to face and handle anything that life throws at us. We become able to deal with our internal voice and the voice of the enemy. Ours is to invite Him like the men of Emmaus, prepare Him a meal like Levi, and dine with Him at all times.