

THIS WEEK AT THF

Wednesday

700-815pm ▶ THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups
Youth Cafe' opens at 6:30pm

Thursday

630-730am ▶ MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY
Meets in the THF Mall
600-800pm ▶ PRAYER GROUP
Meets at THF

UPCOMING

MAY 15
Family Jam @ 11am
One Worship Service at 9:30am

MAY 22
Next Gen Sunday
Senior Recognition at 9:30 Service

JUN 13 - JUN 17
THF KIDS - Camp in the City
Register on the THF Kids Page

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to weekly activities
and Sunday Services.
www.theheightsfellowship.org



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Week of 5/1/22	Year to Date
Budget Giving	\$13,724.00	\$276,471.06
Budget Needs	\$17,379.00	\$297,926.00

Free wifi: THFGuest No password needed.



Hearing God

Pt 2

We are usually not free enough to allow God to speak to us in words.
Our desire for an answer usually gets in the way.
- James Martin

The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice.
John 10:27 amp

We have to learn to HEAR and UNDERSTAND the voice of God.

1 SAM 3:1-10 - SAMUEL It is a PROCESS

And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.
2 Corinthians 3:18 tlb

Things that IMPAIR Us Hearing God

1 WANDERING THOUGHTS

Usually caused by **MENTAL DISTRACTION** or **POOR DISCIPLINE**

Who has not had problems with thoughts that wander?
Only folks who have never PRAYED!
- Peter Lord

DISCIPLES FELL ASLEEP

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2 nkj
THATS BIBLE-SPEAK FOR DON'T FOCUS ON WHATS OUT THERE BUT WHATS IN THERE!

→ Complicating thoughts may be the 'darts' of the devil: **REJECT THEM**

This is not simply 'ignoring' - it involves ACTION

→ STILL your mind from distractions Psalm 4:4; 46:10

→ FOCUS on the Spirit of God within you

Set up for yourself roadmarks, Place for yourself guideposts; Direct your mind to the highway, The way by which you went. Return, O virgin of Israel, Return to these your cities. Jeremiah 31:21

2 FRANTIC FEELINGS

These are 'uncontrollable emotions' about situations and people that come from WITHIN YOU

→ Take **OWNERSHIP** of your emotions - they are reactions to your world; they are NOT your world

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 nlt

- ✓ Anger
- ✓ Worry
- ✓ Bitterness
- ✓ Hate
- ✓ Lust
- ✓ Anxiety
- ✓ Unbelief

→ Stay **PHYSICALLY FRESH**

→ Recognize your feelings and ask God to **DEAL** with them

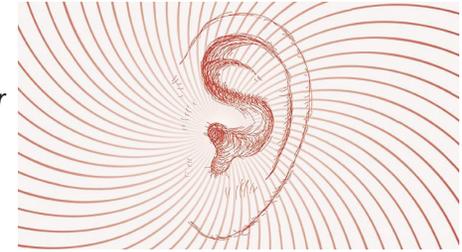
Notes from The Heights

VIBES | Hearing the Voice of God

3 HURRY/BUSYNESS

...hurry is not of the devil. It IS the Devil.
- Richard Foster

You don't make time to hear from God: YOU TAKE TIME!



4 PRESUMPTION Joshua 9:14

→ I can rely on my own **STRENGTH** (perception) this time

→ IF/THEN - It worked **BEFORE...or FOR OTHERS**

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me, you can do nothing. John 15:5 nlt

5 REBELLION **TRANSGRESSION V. REBELLION**

INTENTIONAL refusal to do what is known to be the revealed will of God

→ God has always been moved more by OBEDIENCE than by religious activity 1 Samuel 15:22-23

If I had ignored my sins, the Lord would not have listened to me.
Psalm 66:18 tev

6 DUPLICITY Luke 9:62

→ Is something more than doubting - it is thinking you can

HAVE IT 'BOTH WAYS'

→ This is "YES, BUT..." theology.

If any man desires to do His will (God's pleasure), he will know (have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for himself) whether the teaching is from God... John 7:17 amp

7 VACANT SPIRITUALITY

→ You can't hear from God when you have not been **BORN AGAIN**

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. 4 "When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:3-4

SET YOUR MIND ON GOD

TAKE THE NECESSARY TIME TO HEAR GOD

FIND GOD RATHER THAN OPINIONS

GIVE GOD FREEDOM TO ANSWER HIS WAY

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THF LIFENotes
Week of May 8

1. Wandering thoughts impair us from hearing God. What is your most frequent mental distraction while praying? Share your best strategic actions to thwart this persistent issue.
2. Read Isaiah 41:10. How can this verse give guidance when responding to unwanted emotions taking control in your life? Which of the emotions listed in Mike's notes give you the greatest challenge? Why?
3. Have you ever experienced easy times or great times of victory that prompted you to shift from God-reliance to self-reliance? If so, how did this shift presume upon God's instruction or guidance in the next challenge?
4. If you know God is speaking, it is rebellious to do anything other than obey. Share with your group an instance when you did obey God's voice or a time when you didn't obey God's voice. How did the aftermath differ?