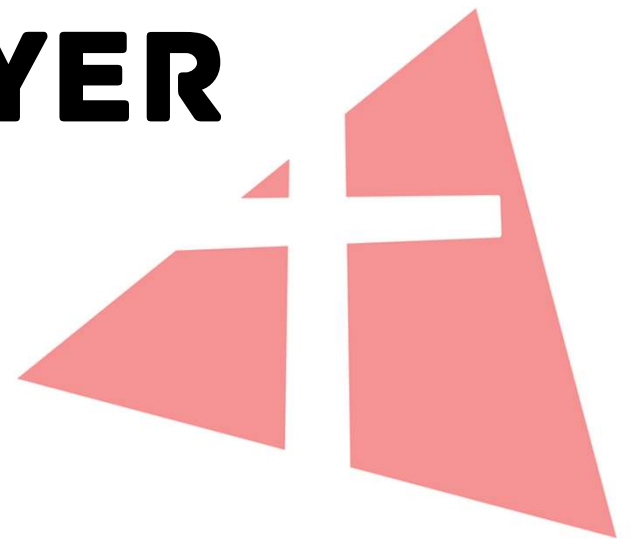


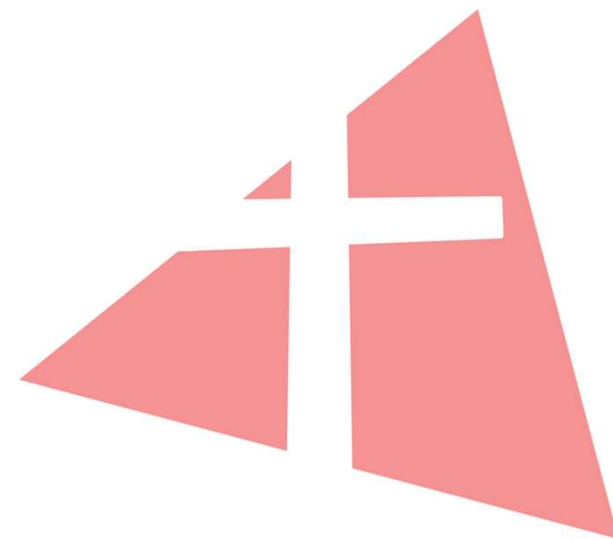
# **LISTENING IN PRAYER**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**



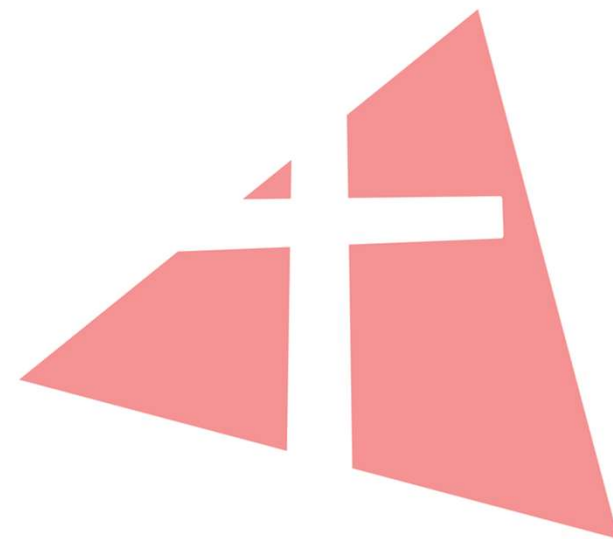
# OUR SERIES

- Prayer is for God's Glory



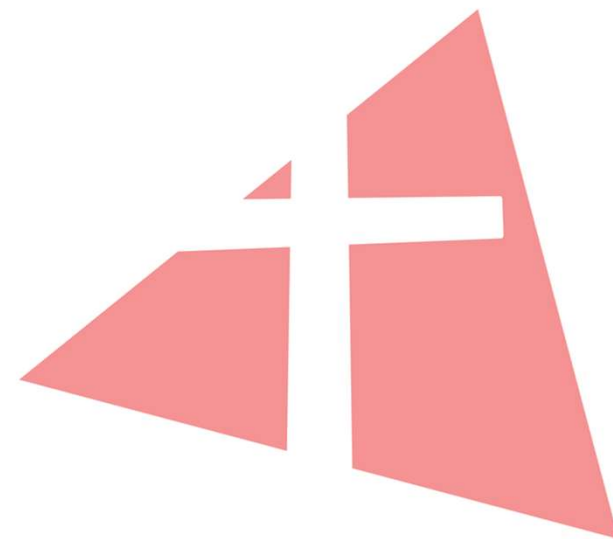
# TODAY'S FOCUS

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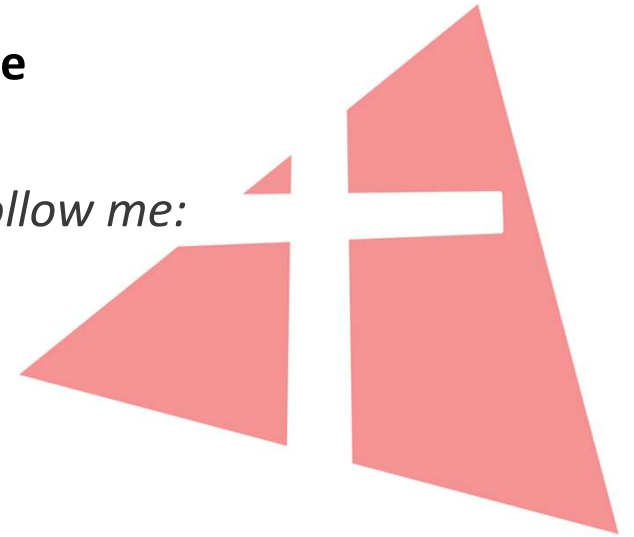
- The Bible



# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

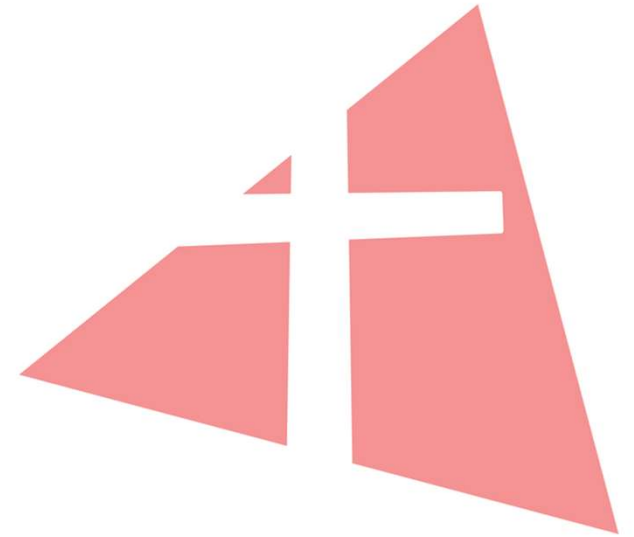
- **Most people ask: How can I hear God's voice?**
- **My answer: I tell you what blocks you from hearing God's voice**

*John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*



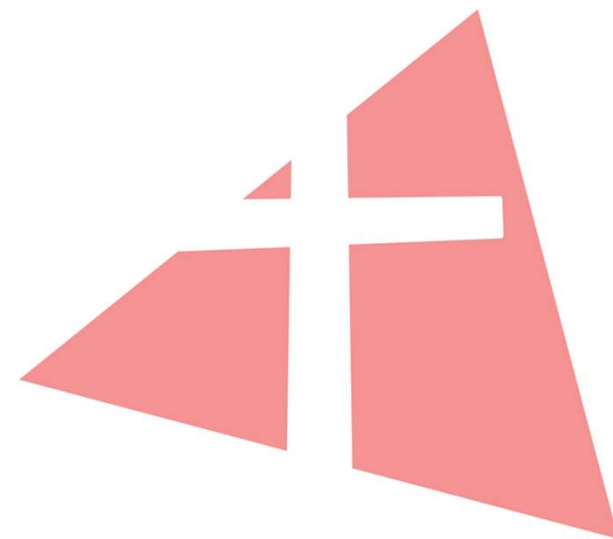
# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

- Often: Prayer blocker = God won't answer our prayers
- More correct: Prayer blocker = We can't hear God's voice



# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

- Hearing God's voice is by God's grace



# NOT SEEKING

*Matthew 6:33 But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*





# PRIDE

*James 4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore he says, God resists the proud, but gives grace unto the humble.*



# LACK OF COMPASSION

*Proverbs 21:13 Whosoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.*



# BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

*Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you; Leave there your gift before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*



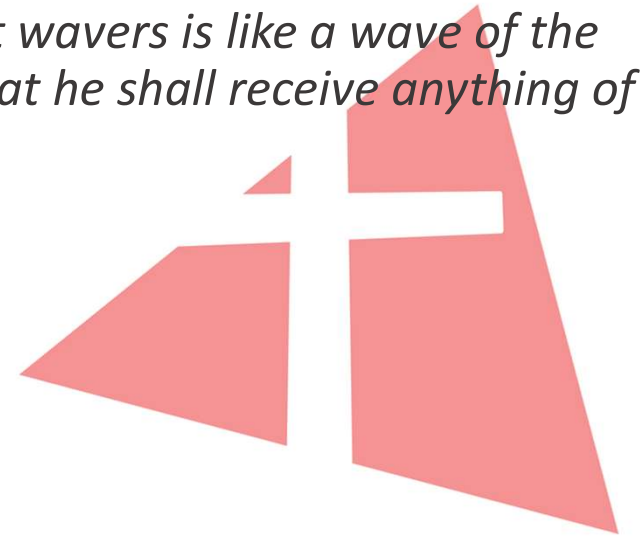
# UNFORGIVENESS

*Mark 11:25-26 And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any: that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*



# FAITH

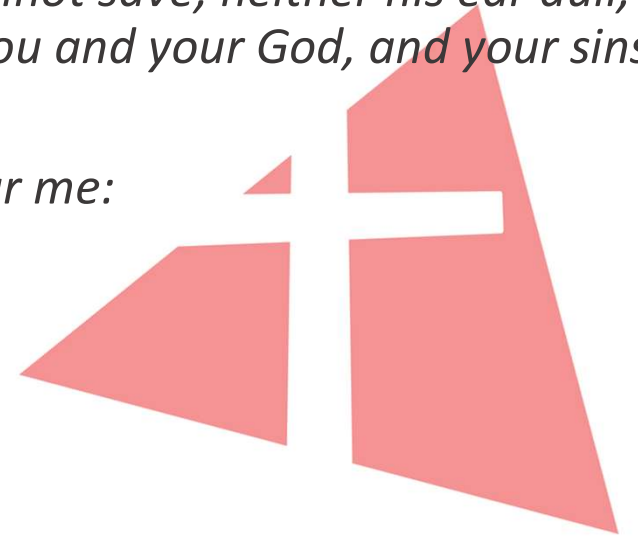
*James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.*



# SIN

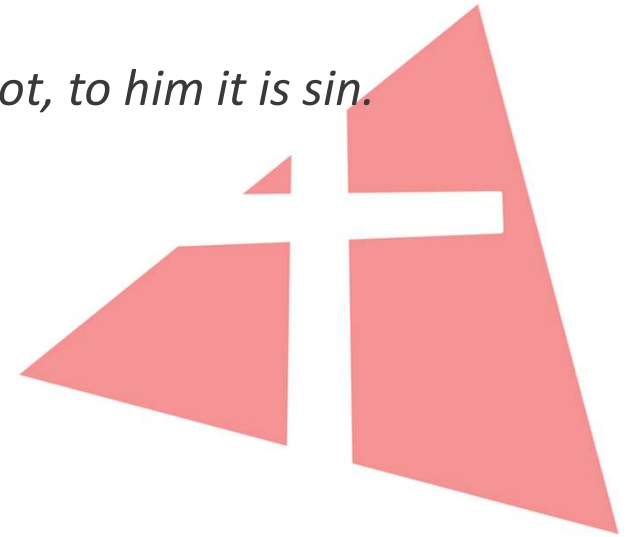
*Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear dull, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

*Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*



# DISOBEDIENCE

*James 4:17 Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.*



# DISOBEDIENCE

*Proverbs 28:9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.*





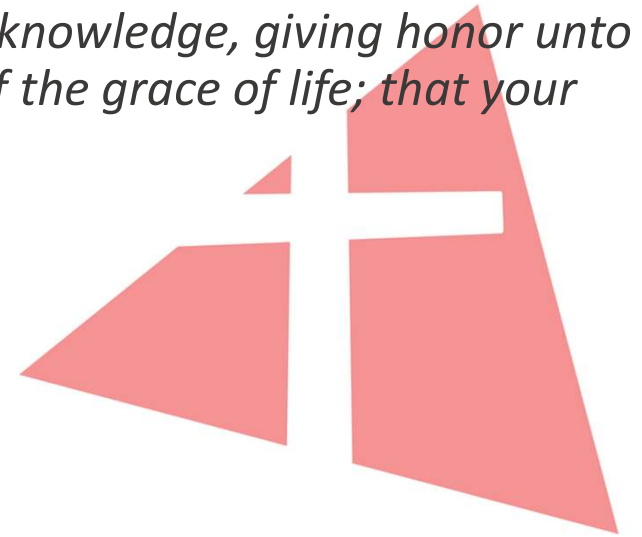
# MOTIVES

*James 4:3 You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it upon your lusts.*



# A WORD TO HUSBANDS

*1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, you husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*



# IN CONCLUSION

- **Listening to God isn't primarily about "learning to hear God's voice"**
- **Listening to God is about identifying and eliminating our prayer blockers**

