

The Priority of Hearing God Speak
Mark 1:14-20

Mark 1:14-20 (ESV)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel, and saying, ... “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

I. There is no other Voice that Matters More.

Deuteronomy 8:3 (NIV)

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on *every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD*.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NIV)

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, *listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life.*

II. God can speak into my life at any moment.

Verse 16 – “Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee...Jesus said to them, “Follow me...”

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God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself and His ways.

Psalms 119:98-103 (NIV)

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

III. When God Speaks, He always Reveals What is on His Agenda.

Verse 17 – “Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

Verse 18-20 – And immediately they left nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, and immediately they left their father with the hired servants and followed him.

IV. My greatest Daily need is to hear and obey Him.

2 Kings 1:16-17 (ESV)

‘Because you have sent messengers to inquire of the god of Ekron— is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? — therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’ So he died according to the word of the LORD

1 Chronicles 10:13-14 (NIV)

Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD, and even consulted a medium for guidance, and did not inquire of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

John 10:2-5 (NIV)

The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice."

John 10:27 (ESV)

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."