

THE SIX WEEK PURSUIT HEROE'S LEGACY

WEEK 5 – God's Voice Wednesday - "God's Voice"

BIBLE STUDY:

Read Luke 11:5-13 before reading our Devotional

DEVOTIONAL:

Dear Church Family,

My daughter Madilyn loves coloring. In fact, she loves the craft of scribbling and playing with crayons so much that she will incessantly ask me to color with her. "Daddy, daddy, daddy, daddy, will you color with me?" Sometimes, I am in the midst of starting a fire in our stove. Other times I am preoccupied with cleaning. Some days I am preparing for work. Thus, I answer: "In a moment Madilyn, daddy has to finish "insert reason here." To which she will respond in her sweet little voice: "Daddy, daddy, daddy, will you color with me?" This will repeat until I either provide her an answer she deems satisfactory or color with her. I love hearing her call to me.

Did you know God expects you to communicate with Him in the same way? In Luke 11, Jesus relates a stunning revelation to His disciples: when communicating with God, we are to be unabashedly insistent in asking and praying until we receive an answer.

Now, if you are like my two-year old, you likely grow frustrated when you do not receive the answer you wanted. Sometimes God tells us to wait. At times God will not respond at all. Now, unlike a parent, God is never unavailable. He never has to go to work, do chores, or even use the restroom. He has all the time in the world for you. So then, why would God either not respond or ask you to wait?

As for myself, there are times I will ask Madilyn to wait, not because I have no time, but because she needs to learn two very important lessons. One: she can trust me. Two: because she trusts me she can wait. I will answer her, and I will make time for her. Sometimes, she just needs to pause and wait. God, in a much more perfect way, asks the same of us.

One of the biggest secrets I can reveal to you in hearing the voice of God is first learning to be patient with God. This is not because He is slow, or distracted, but because He wants His people to trust Him and rely on His timing and action.

Do you know the story of Abraham? We spoke of him earlier in this pursuit, that God gave him a promise and he believed with full faith. Now, despite his faith, Abraham did have his share of missteps and mistakes. Most of these were a result of his impatience. He heard from God, and then, after some time passed with little activity, he then reasoned to himself: "Oh, well, God must have meant for things to happen this way!"

The story goes that every time Abraham took God's promises into his own hands, he only made a mess of things. We must learn from Abraham's example. We are to wait on God until he responds. And the good news is: God will always answer. We do not need to take things into our own hands; especially when we are waiting.

Sometimes, we just need to learn a little patience. Your Father in Heaven will answer.

Sincerely,
Ty Weaver

CHALLENGE:

What are you anxious about today? Write those things down. Is there anything you are about to give up on? Do you feel like you need to leap into action, or nothing will ever change?

My challenge to you today church is to pause, breathe, and stop. Right now, take a deep breath, and slowly release. Do not be hasty. God does speak. And you will hear His voice if you wait. Be patient, be still and know that God is good and that He will answer.

Keep asking, keep praying, and remain incessant. God loves the voices of His kids.

PRAYER:

Let's conclude with a time of prayer. You can structure this time however you feel lead. Listed below are some topics that could help guide this time of prayer.

- Pray to God, asking what you want of Him. Share with Him your heart's desire.
- Pray for God to give you patience and trust that He will always answer.
- Pray that you would hear God's voice clearly when He responds.

