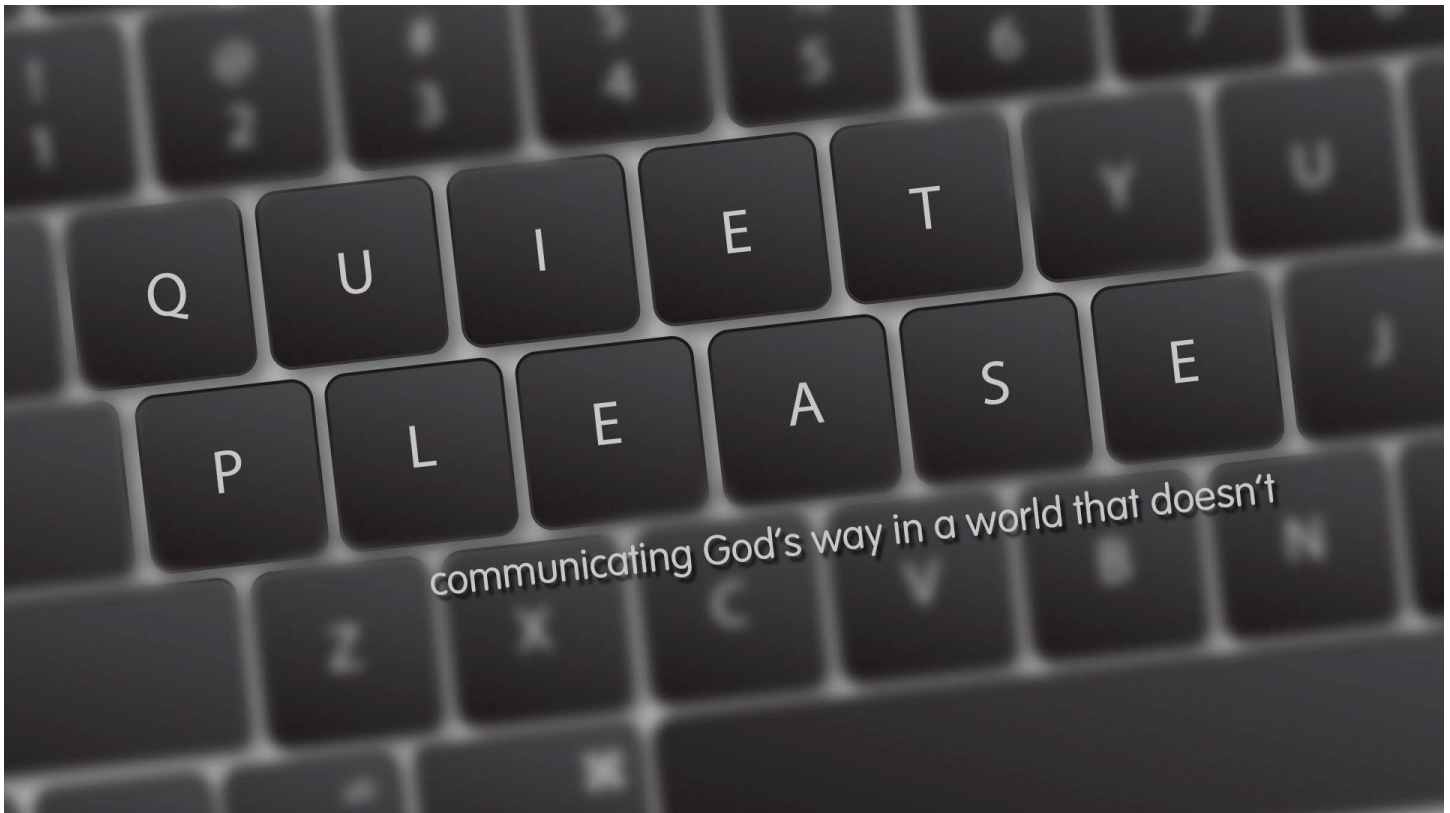


WHAT HE SAID



1 Samuel 23:1-14, ESV – Now they told David, “Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are robbing the threshing floors.” ² Therefore David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I go and attack these Philistines?” And the LORD said to David, “Go and attack the Philistines and save Keilah.” ³ But David’s men said to him, “Behold, we are afraid here in Judah; how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?” ⁴ Then David inquired of the LORD again. And the LORD answered him, “Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the Philistines into your hand.” ⁵ And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines and brought away their livestock and struck them with a great blow. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. ⁶ When Abiathar the son of Ahimelech had fled to David to Keilah, he had come down with an ephod in his hand. ⁷ Now it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, “God has given him into my hand, for he has shut himself in by entering a town that has gates and bars.” ⁸ And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. ⁹ David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring the ephod here.” ¹⁰ Then David said, “O LORD, the God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city on my account. ¹¹ Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O LORD, the God of Israel, please tell your servant.” And the LORD said, “He will come down.” ¹² Then David said, “Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?” And the LORD said, “They will surrender you.” ¹³ Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went wherever they could go. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up the expedition. ¹⁴ And David remained in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country of the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not give him into his hand.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of July 28, 2019

1 Samuel 23:1-14

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that we should listen to God when life happens or when a question arises. How can a person listen to God?
- 2 We were also reminded that we need to do the things He says. Why is "doing" such an important step in listening? How can being a "doer" affect our relationship with God? How can it affect our relationship with others?
- 3 What are some practical ways we can become better listeners of God?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *1 John 4:1-6, ESV – Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

- 4 In your own words, summarize the differences between the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.

5 When reading passages about listening, we see that those who know God should listen to God and other believers, and not listen to the world. Describe a time when you listened to God and not the world. What happened? What was the result?

6 How can a believer discern when something is from God versus from the world?

B **Heb 4:1-2, ESV** – *Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.*

7 Based on the passage above, what is the difference between hearing the good news and listening to the good news?

8 Looking at your own life, would you say that you are a “Hearer” or a “Listener”? Explain? What can you do to be a better listener?

C **Matt 17:2-8, ESV** – *And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

9 God gives us a clear command about listening. Who does He command us to listen to? Why does He command this? How can believers become better listeners of Jesus?

10 How does this practice of listening to Jesus relate to listening to other people?

TAKING IT HOME

God's desire is not for believers to follow blindly, but to listen and do what they are called to do. What would it look like for you to develop a consistent life style of listening to Jesus and doing the things He tells you? What steps do you need to take in order to be better a better listener?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 19:14

Habakkuk 2:1

Mark 9:7

Luke 9:35

John 10:3b-5, 16:13

Romans 10:17

James 1:19, 22-25