God Speaks.

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Isaiah 28

23 God says, “Listen to me; listen and pay close attention.”

“There is a GOD, who _____,
and we should _____.”

4 Reasons we don’t HEAR God’s Voice.

1. We don’t _____ to listen.

Numbers 14:22

The Lord said, “They have all seen my glorious presence and the miraculous signs I performed both in Egypt and in the wilderness, but again and again they have tested me by refusing to listen to my voice.”

2. We don’t know _____ to listen.

Job 33:14

For God speaks again and again,
though people do not recognize it.

3. We’re _____ by other things.

Deuteronomy 13:4

Serve only the Lord your God and fear him alone.
Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him.

4. We’re _____ by other voices.

Deuteronomy 11:16-17

Be careful. Don’t let your heart be deceived so that you turn away from the Lord and serve and worship other gods. If you do, the Lord’s anger will burn against you. Then you will quickly die in the good land that the Lord is giving you.

There are only 2 Voices.

- **God is the voice of _____.**

  John 5:24

  Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life."

- **Satan is the voice of _____.**

  John 10:10

  Jesus said, "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them life to the fullest."

"The Voice you _____
will determine your _____."

Table Discussion.

Q: Is it hard for you to hear God's voice?

Q: How has God spoken to you in the past?

Q: Are you ready to hear God's voice?

Prayer.

"God. I'm ready to hear your voice. I confess that I'm often distracted by other things and sometimes I choose to ignore what you tell me. My ears are open to what you're saying and my heart is ready to believe and obey. Amen."

(Numbers 13-14 : 12 Spies Explore Canaan)	
The Voice of LIFE.	**The Voice of DEATH.**
We Can. "We can certainly conquer it. The Lord is with us! Don't be afraid of them."	**We Can't.** "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"
Let's Go. "The land we explored is a wonderful land. It's a rich land with milk and honey. Let's go at once to take the land. We can certainly conquer it."	**Let's Go Back.** "If only we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt? Let's choose a new leader and go back!"
The Lord Will. "The Lord will bring us safely into the land and give it to us. Do not rebel against the Lord, and don't be afraid of the people. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us. Don't be afraid of them!"	**The Lord Can't.** They complained. "Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle?" - - So they spread this bad repot. Then the whole community began weeping aloud and they cried all night.
Leads to LIFE. The Lord said, "Not one of these people will ever enter the land. They have all seen my glorious presence and the miraculous signs I performed both in Egypt and the wilderness, but again and again they have tested me by refusing to listen to my voice. But my servant Caleb (& Joshua) has a different attitude than the others have. He has remained loyal to me, so I will bring him into the land. His descendants will possess their full share." Only Joshua & Caleb remained **ALIVE.**	**Leads to DEATH.** The Lord said, "You will all drop dead in this wilderness! Because you complained against me, every one of you who is 20 years or older and was included in the registration will die. You will not enter and occupy the land I swore to give you. The only exceptions will be Caleb and Joshua. Because your men explored the land for 40 days, you must wander in the wilderness for 40 years. The 10 men who incited rebellion against the Lord were struck **DEAD**.

"The Voice you FOLLOW
will determine your FUTURE."

40 Years Later . . .

Deuteronomy 30 *(The Last Words of Moses)*

15 "Now listen! 19 Today I have given you the choice
between life and death, between blessings and curses.

Oh that you would choose life,
so that you and your descendants might live!

20 You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God,
obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him.
He is the key to your Life."

31:7 Then Moses said to Joshua, "Be strong and courageous!
For you will lead these people into the land that the Lord
swore to their ancestors he would give them. 8 Do not be afraid
or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you.
He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Joshua 1

10 Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, 11 "Go through
the camp and tell the people to <u>get their provisions ready</u>.
In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take
possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you."

- ## REMEMBER.

  Joshua 1

  13 Joshua said, "<u>Remember</u> what Moses,
  the servant of the Lord commanded you."

- ## REPENT.

  Joshua 3

  5 Then Joshua told the people, "<u>Purify yourselves</u>,
  for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you."

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Do you remember these men from the Bible?

- Shammua
- Shaphat
- Igal
- Palti
- Gaddiel
- Gaddi
- Ammiel
- Sethur
- Nahbi
- Geuel
- Did you know any of these 12 names? (*Me Neither*)

How about these 2 Men?

- **Joshua**
- **Caleb**

"The only difference between ORDINARY men and EXCEPTIONAL men is the VOICE they Follow."