

# Sermon Notes

## PURSUING THE VOICE OF GOD

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We pursue so many things in life based on what others say to us, but as followers of Jesus we should be marked by a pursuit of His voice above all others'. To pursue God's voice means that we consistently ask God for His counsel, direction, and plan concerning our lives. For those who call Jesus their Lord, pursuing His voice in the midst of circumstances, difficulties, and opportunities is the only way. Learning to submit the decision-making process of our lives to God is not always easy, but it is entirely essential. I have found that hearing God's voice is not just about hearing Him; it's also about the journey of following and depending on Him for all things. God is often waiting for us to invite Him into the decisions of our lives so that we follow His will and trust that His plan is what's best for us.

**Mark 4:23** - *If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.*

### PERSPECTIVE FOR PURSUING GOD'S VOICE

**Matthew 4:1-4** - *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"*

**Deuteronomy 8:1-3** - *All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your forefathers. You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.*

Perspective #1 - We will be challenged by the many voices in our life

Perspective #2 - We are dependent on God's voice

Perspective #3 - Our problems are invitations to hear from God

**Application Question** - How does your perspective need to change so that you can hear God better?

### PRINCIPLES FOR PURSUING GOD'S VOICE

1. Pursue God's Voice through reading and studying the Bible
2. Pursue God's Voice through journaling
3. Pursue God's Voice through prayer and fasting
4. Pursue God's Voice through daily asking (Matthew 7:7-8)
5. Pursuing God's Voice through the counsel of others

**Application Question** - What practical step can you take in order to hear God better?