

LET'S TALK IT OVER – PART III
“The Art of Listening”
James 1:19-25

There are people all over the place who are dying for someone to listen to them. There are people who carry things inside of themselves but have no one to confide in and release their burdens. There are people who really desire to find someone who will give them their undivided attention and hear them out. What kind of listener are you?

1. LISTENING IS A CRITICAL PART OF A CONVERSATION, James 1:19-20

- A. Be quick to listen
- B. Be slow to speak
- C. Be slow to become angry
- D. Be calm for man's anger doesn't bring righteousness

2. EXAMPLES OF POOR LISTENING SKILLS

- A. _____ the speaker
- B. _____ the speaker
- C. _____ to listen
- D. _____ the conversation
- E. _____ listener
- F. _____ listener

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APPLICATIONS

- Φ Do you see some of these traits in yourself?
- Φ This is not how we _____ people
- Φ We do all the above to the _____

3. WHAT TYPE OF LISTENER WAS JESUS? AN _____ LISTENER

- A. Jesus felt people's pain, Heb 4:15
- B. Jesus used questions to draw things out of people
- C. Jesus addressed the needs of people
- D. Jesus listened to his Father's voice

DEFINITION

An empathic listener is one who steps into the shoes of the speaker and sees things from their perspective. This makes the speaker feel respected.

4. EXAMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKING TO PEOPLE

- A. The Holy Spirit gives dreams & visions, Acts 2:17
- B. The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip, Acts 8:29
- C. The Holy Spirit called Saul & Barnabas, Acts 13:1-3
- D. The Holy Spirit directed Paul, Acts 16:6-10
- E. The Spirit teaches us, 1 Cor 2:12
- F. The Spirit teaches & reminds us, John 14:26
- G. The Spirit anoints / teaches, 1 John 2:26-27

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Ignoring, Interrupting, Pretending, Stealing, Selective, Stoic, Love, Holy Spirit, Empathic.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why should we be quick to listen? James 1:19-25
2. In the examples of poor listening skills, in point 1 on the outline, which ones resonated with you?
3. In what ways do we exercise poor listening skill when the Holy Spirit is speaking to us?
4. What is an empathic listener?
5. What observations can you make about Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well? (John 4:1-26)
6. Read 1 Corinthians 2:12 and discuss the importance of listening to the Spirit.
7. Read Acts 13:1-3 and discuss the way in which the Holy Spirit spoke.
8. Read Acts 16:6-10 and discuss your observations about the way the Spirit spoke to Paul
9. How can we increase our awareness of the Holy Spirit's voice in our lives?
10. What is your take away from this teaching?

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*The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 18:21

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series "Let's Talk it Over." Today's teaching will focus on the need to be good listeners.

NEXT WEEK

Tim Brooks will deliver a message titled "The Art of Talking to God." The ultimate conversation anybody has is with the Lord.

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Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

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