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THE KEYS TO EXPERIENCING GOD *IN* YOUR WORK

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- Some Terms:
- **Marketplace Ministry**
- Recognizes that God's people (the 97%) are called to *minister* in their businesses, careers and jobs. Yes, I said minister. The religion sphere or mountain of influence is not the only sphere where God's people can be fruitful and productive for him.
- God has called *you* to build the kingdom of God and to expand Jesus' influence in all the world. Mat. 28:19. Disciple *nations*.
- You are called, appointed and anointed (by God) for the task!
- Marketplace Ministry recognizes that pastors and missionaries are not the only "special people" that God uses.
- God has been using you in your work *all along* and you are *not* a second-class citizen!

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- Some Terms:
- **Seven Mountains**
- In 1975 Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, and Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With A Mission, had supper together at a conference and agreed to meet the following morning for breakfast. That night, God simultaneously gave each of these change agents the same dream, which they shared with each other over breakfast the following day. They saw seven mountains, which formed a larger, single mountain. God said that if they claimed the seven mountains, he would give them the large mountain, which is the kingdom of God.

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- Some Terms:
- **Seven Mountains - Continued**
- Seven Mountains is a template or blueprint that identifies who is influencing various spheres of society and develops strategies to influence these areas for God's Kingdom.
- These mountains are as follows: Religion, Business, Family, Arts and Entertainment, Media, Education and Government. There are many subcategories such as healthcare, the economy, etc. but the seven serve as a starting point of a common platform for discussion.
- The strategy to impact Hollywood is different that the strategy to impact government. For example, Hollywood is a "red carpet" – very open, photo-op kind of exposure whereas government is clandestine "we will need to pass the law to find out what is in it" kind of dialogue and like the bat-cave.
- The media mountain has been very adept in criticizing this strategy by thinking that Christians are trying to take over the world.

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- Is. 2:2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. NIV

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- **Some Terms**
- Dominionism, *as defined by some detractors in the media* says that God's people will take by force the mountains of society and install God as king over everyone. We know from the bible that God will ultimately permeate and pervade all of the earth but it will be done in *his way and his timing* – not through force, just like when Jesus came the first time.
- This kind of dominionism tries to set up a *theocracy* (a government in which religious leaders rule) such as that which exists in the country of Iran.
- The seven mountains blueprint *is not* dominionism. *It is a strategy* that recognizes that a small but powerful group of people occupy the pinnacles of societal power and influence and that they are for the most part contrary to God. For example, only about 100 people control the mountain of media in the world.
- **This blueprint** encourages Christians to enter careers that can influence these spheres, become more active in society in areas such as voting and provides strategies to impact these mountains.

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- **Why Pray?**

- Prayer is working *alongside* God in the outworking of his plans for the world, others' lives, and your own life and family.
- Prayer is a *privilege* that God has given to us.
- But, prayer is also a *responsibility*.
- In the Garden of Eden, God gave man dominion over the earth (there's that word again!) and authority over his creation. God *has* given us dominion in this aspect!
- Prayer is an opportunity for God to *continue* (through you and me) his and man's dominion over the creation and the affairs of our lives. We as his children *get to* (not *got to*) partner with the Trinity in seeing heaven's will for each situation – no matter how small or how big...on earth as it is in heaven!

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- **Why Pray?**

- Jesus came to earth to reconcile man to God through his own blood. It is God's will that your family and friends know him. You have spheres of influence. Use them!
- That's right! You get to play a part in the ever-increasing kingdom of God on the earth as one that God has granted authority in your spheres or mountain of influence. As darkness increases light will too! Is. 60:1.
- The spheres are your family, spouse, children, friends.
- Mountain(s) as to your calling and influence. To which mountains are you called? Most likely business since you are here tonight. Maybe others? Jot them down. There may be more than just one.
- BTW, you can identify the mountains to which you are called by your natural training and gifting but also where your *passion* lies.

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- **What is intercession?**
- Another form of prayer is *intercession*. Intercession carries with it the concept of a *burden*.
- We are given *assignments* by God in the form of praying through things that are important to us and our heart.
- Ez. 22:30 says “I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.” NIV
- An intercessor is someone who *stands in the gap* for someone else or an issue that is on God’s heart.
- If the topic we are interceding for is not inherently important to us like family, job, etc. God may place a burden so that *his* burden for the topic becomes *our* burden and we carry it until the burden lifts. This may mean standing in the gap and praying for an extended time.
- During World War II Rees Howells was one of these.

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- **Hearing the Voice of God**
- We have discussed two methods that God uses to affect all of our lives.
- Prayer and intercession.
- During prayer and intercession, God may speak to us.
- That is, we may *hear the voice of the Lord*.
- In fact, quieting ourselves and earnestly praying *opens up our spirit’s to hear God’s response*.
- After all we should not just speak a wish-list to God.
- We *wait on him* for a response. A response from heaven.
- Is 40:31 But those who hope (wait) in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. NIV
- After all, prayer is meant to be a two-way channel of communication.
- If you do not have this time set apart, I encourage you to spend some time, even just 15 minutes to start in the morning or in the evening, before bed. The time is immaterial as long as you do it consistently.

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- **Hearing the voice of God:**

- We can pray and we can intercede and we then wait on God to see what he has to say.
- Charles, can I really hear the voice of God? Little old me?
- YES!
- Jesus said My sheep *listen* to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27. NIV
- This verse not only means we can *hear* the voice of the master but that we also must *obey* (listen to) him if we are truly his sheep.
- How could we be obedient to him if he never spoke and gave us direction?
- That is why God speaks through his word but also to us when we ask him. Why? Because the Bible reveals the general will of God but we need God's voice for our specific circumstances and situations.
- Therefore, he *must* speak to us regularly so that we can obey him and please him.
- Jesus said if you love me you will keep my commandments. John 14:15.
- Obedience is equal to love in the New Testament.

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- **Hearing the voice of God:**

- John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. NIV.
- So, listening to the voice of God and obeying him will protect us from the enemy of our souls and lead us into heaven on that appointed day!
- Pray and intercede, wait on him in silence, listen for his voice and then obey (interact with) what you hear. "Yes, Lord". Tell him you got it. We are not robots, we are sons.
- Can you see how prayer and intercession opens us up to hear the voice of God in our devotion time and in our work?

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- **Hearing the voice of God at work:**
- What about hearing his direction in my work and in my business decisions?
- Charles, I thought work is cursed and not spiritual and there are so many unbelievers here?
- All you need is a quiet place and to center yourself. God is readily available to speak to you and to help you during the day or whenever your shift is.
- It helps to have a room dedicated to music, meditation and prayer. A prayer room. Or, your office.
- God cares about your business and career.
- You as a leader can benefit from someone in your life who is a “destiny-link”.
- Someone who understands your spiritual DNA and someone to come alongside you and your enterprise. Someone who helps you know that you are not alone. It is still not good for man to be alone.
- Is not that what the voice of the Lord is all about? Not just to relay information or revelation but that we are not alone in this cold world?

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- **Hearing the voice of God**
- What does God sound like?
- He sounds like you – like your thoughts.
- There is just a slight almost imperceptible difference, a “spark” that lets you know that “hey, I did not come up with this”.
- That the impulse came from outside of you and generated the thought.
- Have you ever heard a strong voice (thought) that said “turn here” or “don’t go to work today?” Ask some of those that didn’t go into work on 9/11. There were a lot that did not go or had strange accidents or other issues delaying them.
- Hearing God’s voice can save your life.
- Heb. 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use (exercise) have *trained themselves* to distinguish good from evil. NIV
- Ladies, that gut feeling you get when something is not right? We call it discernment. The still-small voice of Holy Spirit.

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- Question?
- What if you could experience communion with God and hear his voice on a daily basis?
- What would you do to have that kind of relationship with God?
- *Implement the prayer strategies* that I have given you tonight for 30 days and watch your closeness with Father, Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ explode.
- **Exercise**
- God *wants* to speak to you tonight!
- Close your eyes
- I am going to ask God to speak to all of us individually
- Ask God a question in your thoughts and quiet yourself (even if you asked him 100 times before!)
- This is a safe place
- Let's see what happens
- I Pray

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