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LISTENING TO HOLY SPIRIT

If you have ever hunted, the first thing you must learn as a child is to be very quiet. Noise will scare off what you are trying to hunt. In very few cases is talking part of the "hunt." If you have ever seen deer, they have very fine-tuned hearing and a great sense of smell. Animals sense things that most people do not sense. This is how God protects them with these "instincts."

One little noise and the deer will bolt. If you are a good shot, you might be able to make contact while they are running, but once they run, and they are swift, your chance is gone.

The same thing holds true of listening to God through the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is a gentleman. He does not shout, and he does not push. He speaks to us through that still small voice. He knows the scriptures because He is the writer. He moved on men of old by inspiration (God breathed) and they penned down what He said. This is how all the scriptures came to us. (II Timothy 3:16.) We must get quiet to listen or we will miss Him.

It tells us in Hebrews chapter one that in the Old Testament that God spoke through the fathers (leaders) by the prophets. The king or warrior would go to a prophet to hear what God wanted them to do. The Holy Spirit was not on all believers in the Old Testament. He was on the Prophet, the Priest, and the King.

Hebrews goes on to tell us that in the last days (after Jesus' resurrection and the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost) God speaks to us by his Son, Jesus. Remember, Jesus is the word made flesh. So, as we read the word, Holy Spirit sheds light on it. In John 16 verse 13 Jesus is speaking and says, ***"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear (from Jesus and the Father) that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."***

Holy Spirit reveals truth as we listen to Him. We must have an ear to hear as it says in Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22. Jesus told John to send letters to seven churches and each message ends with "he that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Those that listened received. Those that did not listen lost out.

Listening to Holy Spirit is vital in these last of the last days. Without getting quiet first and then hearing from Holy Spirit we may lose an opportunity to be a witness or may even lose our lives. Most of the time we hear Holy Spirit through the written word of God, but He also speaks to each of us personally, and if we tune in, we can hear Him. Train your spiritual ears to hear. Holy Spirit will never contradict scripture.

Like that deer, when we hear, we may run from danger to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Like the hunter, we may be led by Holy Spirit to bring the salvation message to someone we have never met so they are snatched out of darkness into God's light.