All About Jesus Revival Seminar

#6 - The Answer is Prayer

- 1. Relationship Ingredients The "Three-legged Stool"
 - a. Bible For the purpose of getting better acquainted with Jesus
 - b. Prayer For the purpose of friendly communication and deep, intimate conversation with Jesus
 - c. Share Overflow of the joy and richness of a great relationship
- 2. Luke 11:1 Lord, teach us to pray
- 3. Monologue or Dialogue?
 - a. Conversation vs. "Saying your prayers"
 - b. Two-way conversation is a necessary ingredient of relationship
- 4. Jesus Prayers Monologue or Dialogue?
 - a. John 5:19-20,30
 - b. John 6:38
 - c. John 8:28
 - d. John 12:49-50
 - e. John 14:10
- 5. The Bible norm and expectation Monologue or Dialogue?

The Bible horm and expectation -
Old Testament
Cain - Genesis 4:6
Noah - Genesis 6:13; 7:1; 8:15
Job - Job 38:1
Abraham - Genesis 12:1; 13:14; 18
Hagar - Genesis 16:8; 21:17
Rebekah - Genesis 25:21-23
Isaac - Genesis 26:2-5,24
Jacob - Genesis 28:13-15; 31:3-13
Laban - Genesis 31:24
Moses - Exodus 3:4; 33:11
Aaron - Exodus 4:27
Children of Israel - Exodus 20;
Judges 1:1-2; 20:18
Balaam - Numbers 22:9
Joshua - Joshua 1:1
Deborah - Judges 4:6
Gideon - Judges 6:12; 7:2
Manoah and wife - Judges 13:3

Old Testament - cont. David - 2 Samuel 5:17-25 Nathan - 2 Samuel 7:4-16 Solomon - 1 Kings 3:5; 9:1-3 Shemaiah - 1 Kings 12:23-25 Man of God - 1 Kings 13 Elijah - 1 Kings 17:2-4,8-9; 19:4-18 Michiah - 1 Kings 22:13-17 Elisha - 2 Kings 2:21; 3:13-19 Jahaziel - 2 Chronicles 20:14-17 Zechariah - 2 Chronicles 24:20 Major & Minor Prophets Isaiah Jonah Jeremiah Micah Ezekiel Nahum Daniel Habakkuk Hosea Zephaniah Joel Haggai Amos Zechariah Obadiah Malachi

New Testament Zecharias - Luke 1:11-21 Mary - Luke 1:26-26-38 Simeon - Luke 2:25-35 Joseph – Matthew 1:20; 2:13-22 John the Baptist – John 1:33 Philip the Deacon – Acts 8:26 Saul/Paul – Acts 9:4; 10:13,19; 16:6; 18:9; 23:11;27:23; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 Ananias – Acts 9:10-16 Cornelius - Acts 10:1-8 Peter - Acts 10:9-20 Saul, Barnabas, Simeon, Lucias, and Manaen - Acts 13:1-3 Philip's 4 daughters - Acts 21:9 Agabus - Acts 21:10-11 John - Revelation

6. James expects dialogue

Samuel - 1 Samuel 3

- a. James 1:5-8 Ask for wisdom
- b. James 5:16-18 Like Elijah
- 7. Jesus anticipates future dialogue
 - a. John 14:21 I will manifest Myself to him
 - b. John 14:26 Teach and remind
 - c. John 16:12-15 More things to say
- 8. Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God
 - a. Be Still Elijah 1 Kings 19:9-12 Still small voice
 - 1) Time Alone Waiting Expectant
 - 2) Quiet Still Not talking Listening
 - 3) God prefers to whisper gently intimately
 - b. And Know Enoch Genesis 5:24 Walked with God
 - 1) Physically present Doing life together In conversational relationship
 - 2) Knowing HIM is the key to knowing His voice
 - 3) Seek Him daily and you will come to know His voice

See also: Desire of Ages, p.668.4 - If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws night to commune with us as He did with Enoch.

Education, p.260.2 - An intensity such as never before was seen is taking possession of the world... In the midst of this maddening rush, God is speaking. He bids us come apart and commune with Him.

Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ's loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred precincts, but not waiting for counsel. They have no time to remain with the divine Teacher. With their burdens they return to their work....

Not a pause for a moment in His presence, but personal contact with Christ, to sit down in companionship with Him—this is our need.

- 9. How do we know we are hearing God's voice, and not that of an imposter?
 - a. John 10:2-4 The SOUND of His voice Greek: phō-nē
 - v.2 The One coming in through the gate is Shepherd of the sheep.
 - v.3 To this One the gatekeeper opens, and the sheep hear His CALL/SOUND/VOICE, and His own sheep He CALLS/SOUNDS/VOICES by name, and He leads them out.
 - v.4 When He might bring out all His own, He travels in front of them, and the sheep follow Him because they know his CALL/SOUND/VOICE.
 - b. Psalm 23:1 The LORD [is] shepherding me
- 10. Prayer Language How should we talk to God?
 - a. In 17th Century English?
 - 1) 2^{nd} person pronouns: Thee and Thou = singular You, Ye and Your = plural
 - 2) Majestic Plural
 - a) King speaks of himself in the plural "We have decided..."
 - b) People always address the King in plural (you, ye, your) Never in singular (thee, thou)
 - 3) Matthew 26:62-64 Value of this singular/plural distinction in 17th Century English

King James Version

- 62. And the high priest arose, and said unto him, "Answerest *thou* nothing? what is it which these witness against *thee*?"
- 63. But Jesus held his peace.
 And the high priest answered and said unto him,
- "I adjure *thee* by the living God, that *thou* tell us whether *thou* be the Christ, the Son of God."
- 64. Jesus saith unto him, "*Thou* hast said: nevertheless I say unto *you*, Hereafter shall *ye* see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

New King James Version

- 62. And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do *You* answer nothing? What is it these men testify against *You*?"
- 63. But Jesus kept silent.

 And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put *You* under oath by the living God: Tell us if *You* are the Christ, the Son of God!"
- 64. Jesus said to him, "It is as *you* said. Nevertheless, I say to *you*, hereafter *you* will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

- b. As to a Friend John 15:15
- c. No subject is inappropriate God already knows what you are thinking
- 11. Journaling
 - a. Slows you down to focus, think, listen and hear
 - b. Records interactions with God for later recall Stones of Remembrance Joshua 4:1-9
 - c. Recognition of familiar patterns
- 12. How God speaks?
 - a. Peace or Pressure Philippians 4:6-7
 - b. Providential circumstances Proverbs 3:6
 - c. Nature Psalm 8:3-4
 - d. Music Song Psalm 40:3
 - e. People 1 Peter 4:10
 - f. Scripture Psalm 119:105

See also: Testimonies Vol.6, p.393.2 - The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God's word, and with what earnestness would we search its precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One..

- g. Inspirational reading material Proverbs 25:11
- h. Specific thoughts impressions instructions Isaiah 30:21