

WELCOME!



DO WE GET IT??

- Communication is a big word
- Relationships are all about communication
- How well do you communicate?

COMMUNICATION IS 2 WAY:

- It is both speaking (or writing)
- And listening (responding)
- It should always involve understanding
- It doesn't necessarily mean agreeing!

HOW WELL DO WE COMMUNICATE?

- Remember: it is both speaking and listening!
- God communicates: how?
- ***Primarily through the Bible***
- Also through His Spirit, others, life

RELATIONSHIPS ARE ALL ABOUT GOOD COMMUNICATION

- ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
 - Ephesians 4.15, NIV

GOD SPEAKS TRUTH IN LOVE TO US: ARE WE 'LISTENING?'

- In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.
 - Hebrews 1.1-2, NIV

BEFORE A WORD??

- Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
- Psalm 139.4, NIV

OUT OF THE HEART ...

- ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.
 - Luke 6.45, NIV

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- Above all else, guard your **heart**, for everything you do **flows** from it.
 - Proverbs 4:23, NIV

WE NEED A CHANGE OF HEART

- Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- Psalm 51.10, NIV

GOOD COMMUNICATION COMES FROM A NEW HEART

- ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
 - Ezekiel 36.26,NIV

PHILIPPIANS 2.2, NIV

- ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

- You will keep in perfect peace
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those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

⁴ Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the
Rock eternal.

- Isaiah 26.3-4, NIV

GOD COMMUNICATES UNIQUELY

- He is not only *with you*,
- He is *in you*
- He is *for you*
- It is the most powerful relationship possible

- ²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

- John 17. 20-21, NIV

IT ALL COMES BACK TO US AND OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

- “Redemption does not rest on our resolves, but on His
- Salvation doesn’t hang on our strength, but on His
- We have hope because it all comes from Him and rests on Him

- Nothing of our salvation depends on us.
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- It all rests on His sovereign grace.

- Here is the bottom line:

- **Jesus is able – willing – faithful”**

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TALK LIKE JESUS!

- First step: make Jesus your Savior!
- Give your heart and mind a good diet
- Pray that God will help you communicate His love at all times!