

The Message Notes

Series: Hearing God's Voice

Message: *Following Jesus and His Teachings*

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Text: Mark 1:17-18, John 8:23

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John 8:23. He said to them, "You are from **below**; I am from **above**. You are of this world; I am **not** of this world."

Mark 1:17. And Jesus said to them, "follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." **18.** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. (ESV)

Objective: to comprehend what it means hearing the call to follow Jesus and His teachings from the 2nd dimension.

Review

1. **Hearing** God's voice. It's like sheep **knowing** the Shepherd's voice and **following** Him. (John 10:3-27)

2. **Listening** to God's voice. You enter God's House to **listen** to God's word, so you can **learn** to **fear** Him. (Ecclesiastes 5:1)

3. **Knowing** God's natural voice. God speaks to us **indirectly** through various human vessels to convey His words to us. (I Thessalonians 2:13)

4. **Opening** the door to God's voice. We **zealously repent** to let Christ in our souls by **confessing** we **no longer live** but **Christ lives in us** by **trusting** in Him. (Revelations 3:14-22)

5. **Confirming** God's voice. We confirm God is speaking to us by 1) Spirit to **spirit**, 2) the **Scriptures**, 3) **evaluation** by church leaders, 4) it **matches** our calling and gifts, and 5) it **glorifies** God. (I Corinthians 10:31)

6. **Praying** to hear God's direction: Proverbs 3:5-6:

- Trust **in** (who)
- the **Lord** (how)
- with **all** your **heart** (in what way)
- **do not lean** on your **own** understanding. **In all** your **ways acknowledge** him (why)
- he will make your **paths straight**.

Takeaway: If you **trust** God with **all your heart**, you **won't lean** on your **own understanding**. If you don't lean on your understanding, you will **submit** to God. If you **submit** to God, He will **direct your paths**. If God directs your paths, you can **trust that direction** with **all your heart**.

1. What is your **call** to follow Jesus according to Mark 1:17-18?

2. What has it personally **cost** you to follow Jesus?

3. Do people say you're **acting** like Jesus?

4. What stage are you in the process of discipleship?

5. When you are reading the Scriptures, are you following Jesus' teachings and being disciplined by Him?

6. Do you live your life from the 2nd dimension with a four-dimensional mindset?
