

Dreams, Visions, and Revelations

The Spirit of Life - Week 6 (12-1-21)

Acts 2:14-21

- I. God is still Communicating to us in many different ways.
 - A. “All Flesh” - that includes us!
 - B. “Sons and daughters” - multiple generations
 - C. We need it!
 - 1. We walk by faith, and we can’t have faith if we can’t hear God. (Romans 10:17)
 - a) “...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matt. 4:4
 - 2. You can’t defeat an enemy that you don’t understand
 - a) We need a revelation of how truly defeated the enemy is.
 - (1) Jesus stripped him of his power - Colossians 2:15
 - b) The guy behind the curtain (Wizard of Oz)
- II. Be aware and pay attention.
 - A. There IS a spiritual realm that is powerful and active today.
 - 1. Everything that we know in this physical realm is the result of the spiritual realm - It is very real.
 - 2. We are spiritual beings, just like God, and are designed to receive spiritual input.
 - B. Why we might not hear from God...
 - 1. D. E. A. D.
 - a) **D** istracted
 - b) **E** xhausted
 - c) **A** nesthetized - Deprived of feeling or awareness
 - d) **D** efeated
 - 2. These all go together, and build on each other.
 - a) Are you feeling spiritually dead or numb? Exhausted or defeated?
 - 3. We are to be Disciples of Christ - **Discipline**
- III. Dreams, Visions, and Revelations need to be taken seriously, and they need to be tested.
 - A. Jeremiah 23:32 “Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness...”
 - B. If it’s of God it will hold up to strict observation!
 - 1. Tested against the written Word of God
 - a) More sure word of prophecy (2 Peter 1:19)
 - 2. Tested in prayer
 - a) Prayer for direction in accurately discerning and interpreting.
 - (1) He will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
 - (2) He will show us things that we do not know when we call on Him (Jeremiah 33:3)
 - b) Prayer for wisdom and peace
 - 3. Tested with spiritual counsel