

Frequency – The Inner Voice

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1 Kings 19:11-12 (NKJV) And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

The INNER VOICE is that “**still small voice**”

The Inner Voice – Acts 10:1-20 (NIV)

1. We may not get a lot of **details**.

- Especially when God is trying to do something **new!**
- God’s voice is really about **faith** and **following**.
- ***Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)*** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

2. We need to listen for the greater **purpose**.

- God wasn’t interested in Peter’s **diet**.
- Old Testament Law:
 - **Civil Law** – Deals with disputes between individuals. Expired with the demise of the Jewish civil government.
 - **Ceremonial Law** – Deals with purity [lepers, dead bodies, etc], priestly rituals, laws about animals for food, and sacrifices. Expired with the fulfillment of the priestly work of Christ (Matt. 3:15).
 - **Moral Law** – No Expiration because it is based on God’s character. "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy," (Lev. 19:2).

- What was the VOICE of God ***trying to get Peter to do?***
 - Preach the Gospel to the **Gentiles**.
 - ***Mark 16:15 (NKJV)*** “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.”
 - ***Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)***... Jesus said, “go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.”
 - “**nations**” is the word “**ethnos**”....**ethnic groups**
 - Peter filtered God’s voice through his own **biases**.
 - We always evaluate the INNER VOICE in light of **Scripture**.

1. We don’t necessarily hear it **everyday**.

- God will speak to with His “still small voice” just when we **need it**.
- And often, it’s done in such a way as to arrest our **attention!**

2. We seek clarity with careful, relational **obedience**.

- Don’t ask for **voices**.
- Ask for **wisdom**.
- ***James 1:5-8 (NLT)*** If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. **6** But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. **7** Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.