

REVIEW

In Matthew 14, we read that Peter received Jesus' invitation ('Come!') and responded to it. Jason shares how he and his wife anchor any significant decision or new direction in a word from God and the ensuing peace. **Do you believe God has a word for you personally – for your future, your purpose, your destiny? Why, or why not? Have you experienced how a word from God can bring peace into even difficult or uncertain circumstances?**

A word from God can calm a storm, raise the dead, or bring an entire universe into being, yet so often we don't create space in our lives to receive a word from God. Jason points out that Peter didn't just stand on water; he stood on a word. **Do you agree that it was Jesus' word to Peter that sustained him to walk on water?**

Jason differentiates between *logos* (the written word of God to us in the Bible) and *rhema* (God's current, immediate word to you within the circumstances you find yourself). **Why is God's *logos* word essential to living a life of water-walking faith? Why is God's *rhema* word essential to living a life of water-walking faith? Which of the two do you tend to 'hear' more clearly? Why?**

God created communication and He is constantly speaking to us. **Are you listening? If not, why not? How could you position yourself better to hear God? Practically, what could you do to create margin in your life to listen for the voice of God?**

When Jason was faced with various alternatives in a time of tremendous uncertainty, a friend challenged him to discern between 'good options' and 'God options'. **What's the difference? How do you know? Can you trace times in your life when you were faced with good options and God options? What did you pick? How do you think you might get better at distinguishing God options from good options?**

Jason's story about the dog park, the whistle, and the rebellious dog's instant submission to his master is a great analogy for the concept that finding the frequency of God's voice trains us toward obedience and ultimate success. **Would you say your ears are tuned to God's**

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frequency? Do you habitually hear from Him? If so, when and where?

Peter wasn't looking for a strategy. He was listening for a voice. It wasn't so much *what* was being said but rather *who* was saying it. **Are you making space in your schedule to hear from Jesus?**

BIBLE EXPLORATION

In John 6:35, Jesus calls Himself the bread of life. **What promise does He attach to this declaration about Himself? Why does He call Himself *bread* (as opposed to *caviar*)? What do you feed your soul daily?**

Later in John's gospel, Jesus says, 'I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart because I have overcome the world' (John 16:33). Jesus *tells* His disciples the truth – He gives them a word – so that they might have *peace*. **Did Jesus promise His followers an easy life? How would you describe the peace of God to a six-year-old or a sixteen-year-old?**

Read Psalm 116. **Discuss what the psalmist says to God, what he *hears* from God, and how God strengthens his faith and gives him peace amidst difficult circumstances.**

LAST WORD

In Romans 10:17, Paul says, 'Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.' Water-walking faith that gives you the courage to step into the unknown comes from *hearing* God's word to you. May God give you fresh ideas of ways to create latitude in your life to hear Him speaking to you.

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DEEPER WALK

Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.

Read: Meditate on 2 Timothy 3:16 and 1 John 4:1. Read these verses in the context of the chapters they're part of. Read them in a few different Bible translations. What is God saying to you about the voices you hear and listen to? What is your ultimate source of faith-building truth?

Write: Once you've spent time reading your Bible, journal any ideas or impressions that come to mind. Pay attention to the thoughts that seem sharp, clear, or specific. Jot them down. What are you hearing from God? How is your faith being stirred?

Pray: If you're wrestling with a decision, ask God to help you discern God ideas from good ideas. Pray that He would guide you with unmistakable peace and growing faith.