

# WORD 2019

**D**isciplineship

**E**ffectual

**V**ision

**O**ne Word

**T**raining

**E**nlargement

**D**evotion

- **YES, I WILL.....**

- **Greatest Commandment**

- Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"
- 37 Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

- **Great Commission**

- Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- **CORE values:**
- Be worshipful (love God),
- Relational (love others as much as you love yourself),
- Be missional (share the truth, the testimony of God in me with others).
  
- Saying yes to God is growing in these CORE values.
  - Subjected, sacrificial, relevant.
  
- Yes, but.....
  - Matthew 7:21-23
  - I John 2:15-17

- Every Biblical reality started with listening:
  - Genesis 6:11-15 Noah
  - Genesis 12:1-4 Abraham
  - Exodus 3:3 Moses
  - Joshua 1:1-9 Joshua
  - 1 Kings 17:2-6 Elijah
  - Jonah 1:1-3 Jonah
- That's all Old Testament.....

- Every Jesus moment starts with God saying something. The world began by God speaking it into being. He's a **SPEAKING GOD**.
- Every moment of faith begins with God speaking and people listening. People needed to respond in obedience.
  - John 10:27-29 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,
- **Think about Acts**
  - Acts 8:26-40 Philip
  - Acts 9:10-19 Ananias
  - Acts 10:9-21 Peter

- Every YES to God is preceded by the crucial characteristic of **Patient Listening**. God wants us to hear him! Those that don't hear Him are in danger of gravitating away from Him.
  - Matthew 21:28-32
  - Illustration of a child
  - Hebrews 2:1-4
- **Patient Listening**

## Psalm 40:1-8

1 I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.

3 He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.

4 Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud or in those who worship idols.

5 O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list.

You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.

6 You take no delight in sacrifices or offerings. Now that you have made me listen, I finally understand—you don't require burnt offerings or sin offerings.

7 Then I said, "Look, I have come. As is written about me in the Scriptures:

8 I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart." NLT

- A hearing of God usually begins in the pain of our life....rooted in the truth.

\*Raw emotion – “and heard my cry” – Look at Psalm 38 -39

\*It is always easy to see once deliverance has come. vs. 2

(We seem in the next valley or trouble to forget)

\*It is always easier to have a new song after deliverance. vs. 3

\*Where is your trust? vs. 4

\*Intentional remembering vs. 5

(Always listen in community, not just ourselves. Emotions, preconceived notions, and etc.. Can lead to wrong conclusions)

\*Good religion/routines. vs. 6 Be cautious about these routines, it's not just about going through the motions.

- “Now that you have made me listen, I finally understand”
- Not passive/ idle.
- Lengthy
  - Moses and children of Israel – 40 years in the desert!
  - They weren't wandering jus to wander! They were learning to LISTEN
  - In listening they also had to learn to trust!

\*Resists substitutes. (A deeply faithful person is one who continually says yes to God even when the answers do not come. Be faithful without reward.)

\*Good for all. Most of the time what God says is not only for us, but for others. vs. 9-10

\*Trusts the Sovereignty and Goodness of God