

Hearing the Voice of God

By: Darin Slack

Week 3

SUBMIT

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit ...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Eph. 5:18-21

“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble, Submit yourselves therefore to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

Submission carries the idea of surrender

a: to yield to the power, control, or possession of another upon compulsion or demand

b: to give up completely or agree to forgo especially in favor of another

Our example – Jesus *Luke 22:42, Hebrews 5:7*

Multiple contexts of submission...

One’s self to God and leadership(authority), One’s opinion or insight to others

...accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person (Google)... to yield oneself to the authority or will of another (Webster)

...to present or propose to another for review, consideration, or decision

When I asked God to take me deeper, to know Him more, I didn't get a command to do more. I received a request to let Him do more in me – to submit

What does Submission look like in the believer?

Peace

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6-7

Patience

Waiting on God to resolve an issue is sustained submission. Submission is a fast of our will. Waiting simply extends the fast

When we are Waiting on the promise, God uses it to do many things...

To purify our motives and reason for why we want it - it suffocates the flesh and our desires

To test our faithfulness in obedience despite not seeing the fruit

To test our faith, to see if we will continue to believe what He told us

To strengthen our will, and improve our mental and emotional maturity (toughness)

To rework our assumptions about life, God, and others

To humble us to receive grace

To reveal our weakness in all its forms

Hearing the Voice of God

By: Darin Slack

To reveal our wrong perspectives and expectations
To increase our dependence on Him
To see if we will keep Him as our deepest affection
To open our understanding regarding the process of change, to give it context
To see how we handle envy, jealousy, and blessing in others while we wait
To teach us His way of doing things
To make us an example for others
To walk us through suffering so we can have compassion for others
To build patience and a gentle spirit
To address anger, bitterness, and self-pity
To address any sense of entitlement
To challenge our selfish ambition for honor
To reduce our dependence on the approval of men
To get us to let Him love us through delay
To show Himself faithful throughout our lives
To reveal Himself as He is to us

We wait...in honor of who He is to us.
We wait because we love Him
We wait because His Son gave everything for us
We wait because He's worthy

2 things to avoid in waiting on God

- 1) **Self-Indulgence** – It's weakness in the waiting, it's returning to Egypt
- 2) **Hardening our heart** - *"Today if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."* Hebrews 4:7

Perseverance

"...Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." Romans 5:3-5 NIV

Persevering is...Working while waiting...Execution with endurance...Consistency without closure...Discipline in disillusionment...Serving when suffering...Prayer through pain...Maturity in mystery...Trust in turbulence...Faith under fire...Worship in weakness.

Power

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit ...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Eph. 5:18-21

...Be continually being filled, Acts 4:31 ESV

The Fruit of Submission is the Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23