CONNECTING WITH GOD...
THE CHURCH... YOUR PURPOSE

For the week of Sunday, May 1, 2022

Teaching Series: STRONGER – Staying Strong In Faith

Message Title / Pastor: Stronger In Listening - Pastor Bill Wilson

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

One of the most notable transformations in a person's life is the change in the way they speak and listen. James addresses this in the latter part of James 1. The words spoken are plain, provocative, and practical. Learning to follow the directive will be helpful in all your relationships.

SCRIPTURE

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:1-12

Additional Scriptures:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Mark 4:23-24
- Psalm 81:13
- Ecclesiastes 7:9
- Proverbs 18:13, 21
- Psalm 19:14
- Proverb 16:24
- 1 Thessalonians 4:18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has a real cheerleader in your life? How did they help you most?
2. What is James' instruction to the believer regarding listening?
3. What do you feel causes people to be swift to speak, slow to listen, and quick to anger?
4. How did your salvation affect the way you communicated?
5. What are some ways to improve your listening skills?
6. What is your "I'm glad I was listening!" story?
7. How can listening help a person become a greater witness for Christ?

PRAYER

Father, we seek Your face and ask that You will continue to work in our lives. Help us to tone down, tune in and sweeten up. Help us to listen when You speak and listen when others speak. May our words be controlled by the Holy Spirit that we may speak life and not death. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen!

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