



Lesson 135 Listen

05/20/13 CT MEETING – Calculate the cost of not loving Me. This is a message the world should receive, yet for the moment their focus is away on self. However, even though the masses flirt with destruction, the few still listen. Be prepared for the few, be prepared for those I bring. Listen to them. Hear what is in their hearts. So few listen nowadays but not you, you listen. Continue in this. Listen to them and then answer. That is all for now, go in peace. (I felt like the Lord was telling me that listening is an important character trait we all should possess. I felt like He was telling me that not only is it important for us to listen to Him but it is also important for us to really listen to those He brings. Listen and respond just as He would - because we are His. Therefore, it is important to listen to Him but it is also important to listen to the hearts of those He brings.)

Introduction

As I read the words above I realized that this message was about embodying a spirit of caring. It's about taking the focus away from our destructive self and becoming more Christ-centered. I say, Christ-centered, because as we become more attuned to Him, then we likewise become more attuned to others as well. This is because we will be following the example left by our center, and that is, Christ. In this particular message He emphasizes the importance of listening as a means of actualizing (becoming active, existing in fact, in reality) ourselves in Christ. Therefore, let us move forward in this.

Calculate the Cost

The Lord began by saying, Calculate the cost of not loving Me. This is a message the world should receive, yet for the moment, their focus is away on self. Thus He delivers the message that should be accepted, yet, it is the message that is not even being heard. It is not being heard because the world is not listening.

Nehemiah 9:13-17 *"You descended on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven. You gave them right rulings and true teachings, good laws and mitzvoth. You revealed to them your holy Shabbat and gave them mitzvoth, laws and the Torah through Moshe (Moses) your servant. For their hunger you gave them bread from heaven; for their thirst you brought forth for them water from the rock. You ordered them to enter and possess the land you had sworn with your hand to give them. But they and our ancestors were arrogant; they stiffened their necks and ignored your mitzvoth; they refused to listen and paid no attention to the wonders you had done among them. CJB*

From this passage we can gather that refusing to listen is nothing new. It has been going on for quite a while and it continues today. However, in spite of the fact, that the world is not listening it still must be acknowledged that, that is exactly what they should be doing. Thus we have confirmed the main focus of this lesson, listening is important.

But let's pause for a moment and go back to what the Lord said at the very beginning of this passage. He said, **Calculate the cost of not loving Me.** In this I believe the Lord is implying consequences. As confirmation, this week He said,

05/07/13 SN - **You have been given choices. These are what they are, Deliverance...disobedience...purgatory. Be faithful in all things.**

05/08/13 DP - **Disgrace, the world's utter disobedience to My commands, complete refusal to walk in My statutes; this will not go unpunished. It must needs be.**

And then in Deuteronomy 28:15 *"But if you refuse to pay attention to what ADONAI your God says, and do not observe and obey all his mitzvot and regulations which I am giving you today, then all the following curses will be yours in abundance.*

Thus the message of consequences has been delivered. Yet, how can this message be received, if the world is not even listening? **Their focus, you see, is away on self.**

The Few Listen

In the first section of this lesson we learned the importance of listening. We also learned of consequences. One consequence, we didn't discuss but one that should be mentioned can be found in this,

January 11th God Calling – Oh! Listen to My Voice, eagerly, joyfully. Never crowd it out. I have no rival claimants and if men seek the babble of the world, then I withdraw.

07/25/12 CT – **Hearing Me, you must be listening to Me in order to hear Me. How can we have a conversation over the loudness, the pushiness of the world? You will not hear Me, when you are listening to it.**

Yes, the Lord withdraws, He cannot be heard, when the world is sought over Him. **However, even though the masses flirt with destruction, the few still listen.**

And again consequences come to mind.... For consequences like impressions can be either good or bad. For example,

Proverbs 1:33 *But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.*

The Lord has assured us that there will be those few who do listen. Thus once again the importance of listening is emphasized as noted through these messages:

07/02/12 CT - **Seek me out in the time of dew (early hours); do not let your day start before you spend time with Me. The world seems to distract you. Seek Me out. Be intimate, close with Me. Hear My still whispers, listen closely, allow Me to envelop you in love, peace, joy and serenity.**

07/13/12 BT – **Listen to My small still voice (1 Kings 19:12). I AM here with you, always. Listen and hear what I say. I say to you, I AM the way. I AM the truth. I AM the light. It is not possible to make it through what is coming upon the earth and man without Me. You must abide in Me.**

07/30/12 CT – **Take heed and listen to the call of your God Jesus.**

08/20/12 BT - **Listen, hear, obey, The reward is great!**

09/08/12 CT - Quiet, listen for My voice, listen for My words. A time is coming, an age is coming for listening, for My Agenda not man's. It is a time where My steps will be followed not man's. But you must allow Me to lead. You must allow Me to be the head of My church.

09/11/12 BT - Hear Me! I AM speaking to those that are listening.

05/21/13 CT - Shhhh listen, pause and listen to Me. Hear My voice. Feel My Spirit. Allow Me to Indwell within you. Shhhh listen, quieten the noise, filter it out and hear Me. I am with you and all is well in this. Now go forward with the realization that I AM here with you and I speak. You can be assured in this. That is all for now but listen as I speak.

Over and over again the Lord has emphasize the importance of listening. But evidently, it is especially important in these times to realize that, **even though the masses flirt with destruction**, there will be a few who **still listen**.

Be Prepared

In the last sections we learned the importance of listening. And we learned that consequences (**something produced as a result of an action**) can be either good or bad depending upon your action. Therefore the consequences you receive from listening will more than likely be different than the consequences you receive from not listening (cause and effect). However as daunting as this may sound, we should not become discouraged because the Lord has assured us that there will be those who do listen. In fact He said that we should, **Be prepared for the few, be prepared for those I bring.**

09/25/12 BT - It is My desire that all be saved; go forth this year in loving kindness, teach those that will listen. Teach them, My ways, that they may be spared this impending judgment.

May 6th God Calling -The way is long and weary. It is a weary world. So many today are weary. "Come unto Me, ... and I will give you rest."

My children, who range yourselves under My flag, you must see that on it are inscribed those words "The Son of Man."

Whatever the world is feeling, I must feel, I - the son of Man. You are My followers - so the weariness of man today must be shared by you - the weary and heavy-laden must come to *you*, and find that rest that you found in Me.

My children, My followers must be prepared not to sit on My right hand and My left, but to drink of the cup that I drink of.

Poor world - teach it that there is only one cure for all its ills - Union with Me. Dare to suffer, dare to conquer, be filled with My sublime audacity. Remember that. Claim the unclaimable. Just what the world would think impossible can always be yours. Remember, My children, sublime audacity.

Consequently, we must be prepared for those few who will listen. We must be prepared to teach those that will listen.

10/21/12 BT - **The time is here, share My turth with all those that will listen.**

When the Lord was speaking here of being prepared I felt that He was speaking of being prepared to teach others to listen to Him as well. I felt like He was letting us know, that all we learn from listening to Him, all this may be learned by others, as well. For example in the:

June 5th God Calling - Very quietly I speak. Listen to My Voice. Never heed the voices of the world - only the tender Divine Voice.

Listen and you will never be disappointed. Listen, and anxious thoughts and tired nerves will become rested. The Voice Divine - not so much in strength as in tenderness. Not so much in power as in restfulness.

But the tenderness and the restfulness will heal your scars and make you strong, and then it must be your task to let all your power be My Power. Man's little power is as clay beside the granite rock of My Power.

You are My great care. Never feel at the mercy of the world. My angels guard you day and night and nothing can harm you. You would indeed thank Me if you knew the darts of fret and evil they turn from you.

Thank Me indeed for dangers unknown - unseen- but averted.

This is an example of what we must be prepared to teach others. We must be prepared to teach them that listening to His Voice, following after His tender Divine voice, this will heal their scars. This will make them strong. This is the voice they must learn to listen to. And what we must understand as well, is that they will begin to hear His tender divine voice, through each one of us. In the next section we will come to understand how this takes place.

Listen to Them

In the last sections we learned the importance of listening to the Lord, but we also learned that there are not too many following this path. We learned, however, that we must be prepared to help others learn this. In other words, we must be prepared to teach them how to do this. We must teach them how to listen to the Lord. And what the Lord will reveal in this section is that He wants us to teach them this by giving them an example of one who listens. Yes, that's correct He wants you to, **Listen to them**. He wants you to, **Hear what is in their hearts**. He said, **So few listen nowadays but not you, you listen. Continue in this**. This idea, this premise reminded me of this from:

January 2nd God Calling - You are to help to save others. Never let one day pass when you have not reached out an arm of Love to someone outside your home - a note, a letter, a visit, help in some way.

Be full of Joy. Joy saves. Joy cures. Joy in Me. In every ray of sunlight, every smile, every act of kindness, or love, every trifling service - joy.

Each day do something to lift another soul out of the sea of sin, or disease or doubt into which man has fallen. I still walk today by the lakeside and call My Disciples to follow Me and to become fishers of men.

The helping hand is needed that raises the helpless to courage, to struggle, to faith, to health. Love. Laugh. Love and laughter are the beckoners to faith and courage. Trust on, love on, joy on.

As this message was read and as it was put together with the words above about **Hear what is in their hearts**, you could see, you could come to understand, the purpose, the reasoning behind the Lord encouraging us to **Listen to them**. You could once again come to understand the importance of listening and how it affects others. The Lord is teaching us through this that listening to others is a valuable help in bringing them (the few) closer to Him.

And then Answer

We have been taught thus far that we must be prepared to listen. We must be prepared to be a help. We must be prepared to be an example, a representative, a disciple of Christ. In the introduction it was said like this, we must take the focus away from the destructive self and become more Christ-centered. This is important because as we become more attuned to Him, then we, likewise, will become more attuned to others as well. This is because we will be following the example left by our center, who is Christ and His example was one of love, compassion, empathy, basically, everything, good, and pure and holy. He saw the need and He addressed it.

Consequently, what the Lord is teaching us by saying, **Listen to them and then answer**, what He is saying is that we must help them come to know Him by enabling them to see Him in us. This will transpire through your response. For example,

January 12th God Calling - Use *all* I give you. Help others, I ache to find a way into each life and heart, for all to cry expectantly, "Even so come Lord Jesus."

Hence, when we listen and answer we are acting as servants of the Lord delivering a viable picture of Him to others. The picture will be revealed through verses like these:

Nahum 1:7 *The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;*

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Luke 1:37 *"For with God nothing will be impossible."*

Genesis 18:14 *"Is anything too hard for the LORD?"*

Jeremiah 32:17 *"Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."*

Isaiah 40:29 *He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.*

Acts 17:27, 28 *... He (God) is not far from each one of us, for in him we live and move and exist. Indeed, as some of the poets among you have said, 'We are actually his children.'*

Romans 8:31 *If God is for us, who can be against us.*

John 10:10 *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

Yes, a knowledge of Him, His message will be received through passages like these but we must also be prepared to teach them of the three spots, of lifting up silence, of meeting with Him, essentially all that we have learned from Take His Heart. As we listen we can address their questions, their issues through the guidance provided by Him.

Summation

This week the Lord said, **Calculate the cost of not loving Me**. This is a message the world should receive, yet for the moment their focus is away on self. However, even though the masses flirt with destruction, the few still listen. Be prepared for the few, be prepared for those I bring. Listen to them.

Hear what is in their hearts. So few listen nowadays but not you, you listen. Continue in this. Listen to them and then answer.

When the Lord delivered this message I felt like He was telling me that listening is an important character trait that we should all possess. I felt like He was telling me that not only is it important for us to listen to Him but it is equally important for us to really listen to those He brings to us. Thus we should listen and respond just as He would - because we are His. Therefore, it is important to listen to Him because this will teach us how to listen to the ones He brings.

Consequently what we learned in this lesson is that listening is important but we also learned that responding correctly is important as well. We need to follow Christ's example of love, compassion, empathy, basically, everything good, pure and holy. Jesus saw the need and He addressed it. And what you will come to see by applying this is that this entire process will affect those the Lord brings to you. One of the messages we have received from the Lord says this,

07/20/12 CT – Hope everlasting, this is what I give you but it is not an unfulfilled hope. No, it is a hope that will be true because I AM true. Do not pin your heart to any star. Put your trust, your whole trust, your whole heart, all your hopes in Me. I will not let you down. I AM here always. I AM by your side. Call on Me. I hear, I listen, I respond. It doesn't get any better than that.

Can you imagine how this message relayed to those He brings, can you imagine how it would be uplifting and reassuring? It will help them to grow closer to Him. It will help them see the value He places in all. And this is why we must be prepared, for preparation will help us understand the hearts of those He brings. It will help us listen and respond as He would have us. Therefore, we should all remember this,

04/17/13 CT MEETING – Quieten your mind and hear Me. I AM all around you, guiding, leading, and reassuring. My love for you has not changed nor will it. Listen to My voice as it flows. There is a river of life in it. Listen and heed. Seek My guidance daily. Seek My will and none other.

Be prepared and listen to them and He will be well pleased.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You in This!

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