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NOISE

Equalizing the Noise

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When I think about noise at its highest level, I immediately go to a football game, in fact football season has just begun and stadiums across the nation are being filled with noisy fans. In fact, living rooms across this nation have turned into stadiums with the same intensity and noise that is found in packed stadiums. When each fan begins to scream for their team, no one can make out what anyone is saying, it just comes out as noise. You and I would have a hard time determining what any one person is saying. But there is that one moment that happens sometimes, you know when there is a serious moment and everyone is waiting to see what happens next, and there is that one fan who takes that moment to be herd, he yells out and since he is the only voice speaking, he is heard.

Spiritually you and I live in a stadium all the time. There is noise everywhere we turn, from media to opinions they are filing our heads from every angle.

Early in scripture we see the noise begin to have its affects. Eve allowed a lying voice to deceive her into thinking that God was holding back something from Her and Adam. Adam allowed a distracted person to bring noise causing him to question if God really was giving him everything that He promised. Adam missed the true voice of God because he allowed the noise to drown it out.

If Adam only had two voices to listen to and he let the noise drown out the voice of God, how much more are we susceptible to listening to the wrong voice?

In our passage this morning Jesus is about to be very direct with the Jewish leaders of the synagogue. In John 10:24 They ask Jesus how long are you going to beat around the bush, just tell us are you the messiah our not….

**John 10:25–30** 25Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. 26But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand. 30I and *My* Father are one.”

**Evaluate the Evil Noise**

**John 10:25** 25Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.

Many times, when the noise of life happens it will cause us to begin to blame and look to other places to shift our responsibility of hearing.

You know how many times that someone told you something, but you were not really listening, because of the noise, either physical noise or the noise and thoughts in your head, then you proclaim, “you never said that.”

No, the reality is you just were not listening.

You and I need to take a hard look at the noise that is in our life right now and ask this question, “what noises are in my life right now that are not benefiting my walk with Jesus?”

Second, we need to go back and ask, “what have I heard that I have ignored that is truth and I need to give it a second look?”

Jesus is looking at the Jewish leaders with the parental look, “don’t ask me again, I have already discussed this with you.” You just were not listening.

Notice here that Jesus says, The works I do in My Father’s name, **they bear witness to Me.**

Jesus is saying that if you will just take a moment and see with your eyes all that has taken place you would have notices that there is something different about me than anyone else.

Jesus makes it clear once again that He and the Father are one.

It is good to note also that Jesus didn’t get into an argument about all the negative noise that was surrounding the conversation, He simply put the facts on the table and gave the Jewish leaders an option to evaluate.

**Elevate the Exact Noise**

**John 10:26** 26But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

**John 10:27-28a** 27My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish

When God speaks that you are out of tune, don’t expect to hear clarity on any other channel than his.

Jesus words cut straight to the heart of the matter. “You do not believe,” are words that one must clear up before anything else can take place.

If you are here this morning and you have not cleared this up, you must elevate this to the top and deal with it before anything else in your life will respond to right living.

So many people have done just like the temple leaders and started checking boxes, doing good things, all before they have the main ingredient for growth established, that is you must first believe.

Once you believe you can then admit and confess that He is Lord. The Jewish leaders did not believe He was God’s son.

Many in the church have made head confessions of Christ but not heart confession of Christ. What this does is tune you into a station that sounds good, but has not power backing it. When life gets dark, so do you. When life gets weak, so do you. Head confession is only surface deep, it is not till you go deep to the heart that you find all the resources that God has promised. And after you experience that it’s hard not to believe.

Wiersbe puts it this way, Christ has a *loving* relationship because He died for the sheep, as well as a *living* relationship because He cares for the sheep. It is also a *lasting* relationship, for He keeps His sheep and not a one is lost.[[1]](#footnote-1)

You want to talk about a good plan, there is nowhere or no one else who can promise and fulfil the things that Christ has in store for a believer- AMEN.

Kay Arthur says, “if sheep do not have the constant care of a shepherd, they will go the wrong way, unaware of the dangers at hand. They have been known to nibble themselves right off the side of a mountain…. And so, because sheep are sheep, they need shepherds to care for theme. The welfare of sheep depends solely upon the care they get from their shepherd. Therefore, the better the shepherd, the healthier the sheep.”

**Embrace the Exciting Noise**

**John 10:28b–30** neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand. 30I and *My* Father are one.”

Remember we are talking about His sheep, we are not talking about things that walk in the same pasture. For I have seen all different types of things walking in the same pasture. I’ve seen cows, horses, goats, Donkey’s, and even wolves in the same field.

Kind of like the church, there are many in the church, but there is but one who answers to the Father, and that is His sheep.

The false shepherds bring destruction; but the Good Shepherd sees to it that His sheep shall never perish.[[2]](#footnote-2)

There have been so many that have been led away by the false shepherd. Often, we see the false shepherd offing things that he can’t back up.

Anytime that you hear noise, you must test it against the WORD to make sure that it is coming from the Good shepherd and not the false shepherd. Because the false shepherds noise often seems like a good plan… until you test it. Once you test it, you will find that following that path would have led you off a cliff into destruction.

We must embrace the exciting noise of the good shepherd that not only does he protect his sheep from being snatched away, but his love for his sheep goes beyond any comparison.

A. W. Tozer said “the only safe place for a sheep is by the side of his shepherd, Because the devil does not far sheep; He just fears the shephers, that is all.”

Again we are talking about true genuine sheep. We are not talking about 2 Peter 2:20-22 where the dog and pig return to the muck.

The good shepherd leads the sheep to greener pastures and they never return to the old dried up ones.

You and I must embrace the fact as a true sheep there is nothing, absolutely nothing that can snatch us from His hand. This should change the way we view things. We should live life to the fullest everyday knowing that we are His.

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