



# Week One: Posture

## **Posture: How do you hear God's voice and how do you respond?**

Do you know what the Lord's voice sounds like in your own life? Have you ever heard the Master's voice? And when you have, how have you responded to that voice?

In the Bible, what are some of the different ways people heard the voice of God?

When you've made critical decisions in your life, what did those times feel like? What influenced your decisions?

Does the way you resolved big decisions look anything like some of the ways God spoke to people in the Bible?

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What is God speaking to you this week?

## **Posture: Week One Video Unedited Transcript**

Welcome to the 21-day prayer journey *Questing after God's Heart*. Let me encourage you as we go through this prayer journey to really dig in, to hear the Master's voice, sometimes for the very first time, and respond out of obedience and to see what type of abundant blessing the Lord has for you.

Let me simply start off by asking you a few questions. Do you know what the Lord's voice sounds like in your own life? Have you ever heard the Master's voice? And when you have, how have you responded to that voice?

A lot of us struggle with hearing the Master's voice and what that sounds like in our own lives. So let me challenge and encourage you to do this; I want you to look at scripture and see the different ways that the Lord has spoken to people throughout time. Whether he has used other people to speak to people's lives. Whether he has actually spoken through a burning bush like in Moses' case. But go through that process and identify the way the Lord spoke to people through scripture.

Now as you do that, I want you to take a look at your own life, and I want you to take a look at the different key moments in your life when you had to make critical decisions. What have those times felt like to you? What has influenced those decisions? Write those things out. Why don't you see if any of those correlate to scripture and how God spoke to people. In that sense what you're doing, you're identifying the Lord's voice in your own life.

And as you identify the Lord's voice in your own life, now you're going to know the Master's voice. And as you know the Master's Voice you're going to be able to respond out of obedience and see what types of abundant blessings Christ has for your life.

Now let me share with you a story out of my own life. In 2007 I was in banking and I was going through a process with the Lord of being called into ministry. There came a point in time I accepted that call into ministry. The very next day I got a phone call from a headhunter. That headhunter was offering me a job to be a vice president of a large bank in the Midwest.

Now I wasn't really sure how to respond because I was wondering, was the Lord saying, "You were faithful in the little things, now I'm going to give you the big things?" Or was this the final test for me to say, "Who are you going to follow?" And so during this time of struggle I remember taking my Bible into work that day, and there were eight individuals that worked with me at the office, and none of them had shown up. So I knew it was a divine moment for me. And I remember holding the Bible just on the end and praying Lord. please give me the answer, please tell me what you want to speak into my life. I remember opening it up immediately to Luke chapter 16 which is the parable of the shrewd manager.

In the parable of the shrewd manager it simply talks about a man that tries to make his own way in his life. And through that process of reading that passage the Lord just spoke to me, "Are you going to follow me or follow the money?" So I remember picking up the phone that very same day and calling that headhunter back and letting them know, hey I'm going to have to decline this opportunity and I'm actually going to go into the ministry. I remember her saying that, hey Jeremy, we can give you more time to make that decision. And I remember telling her, I don't need that time. I'm going into the ministry.

Now also along that time in my life, as I was going through this journey of deciding if the Lord truly calling me into the ministry, I did a lot of reading. One particular book I read stood out above the rest to me. It was by Erwin McManis, and it was called *Stand Against the Wind*. In the book, this section really stood out to me and spoke about obedience. I hope it challenges you and speaks to you as well, allow me to read this for you:

"How many times have we pointed to not knowing God's will for our lives as the reason we are paralyzed from doing it. Yet, as with Joshua there's enough truth in all scripture to fill our entire lives. The problem is not that we don't know what to do, but that we don't do what we know. The key to your future is not revelation, but it's obedience. When we submit our lives to what God has made known, the future becomes very clear to us. When we neglect to do what we know, we begin to live our lives as if we're walking through fog. If we are not careful, we will find ourselves condemning God for being silent, when in fact we are condemning ourselves for refusing to listen."

Now we've gone through this process of learning how to identify the Lord's voice. And I want to encourage you this week to go home and to really search your own life, and to really identify for yourself what the Lord's voice sounds like to you. Some of you may know what that sounds like, and that's wonderful. But others of you are sitting there and you're like, I don't know if I've ever hear the Lord's voice. So take this week and really dig in and decipher for yourselves what the Lord voice sounds like to you.

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