

# REVIVAL MINISTRY

Sunday Sermonette "GOD Said What?", April 5, 2020

*"Whoever belongs to GOD hears what GOD says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to GOD." John 8:47 NIV*

*Read: John 8:42-47*

"GOD said so!" That is what we all have probably said at one time or another. It gives us credibility when we are making a point...or so we think. So what did GOD say?

We can remember times in scripture when we were told GOD said one thing or another. Truthfully, there are hundreds of times when GOD spoke to mere humans. We might remember GOD speaking with Adam and Eve, Abraham, Moses, the prophets of old and JESUS. But, GOD talked to even more.

GOD is talking today. GOD is talking with you. Are you listening? That may be the problem!

In order to hear GOD, two things must happen. One is we have to be in a conversation with HIM. Second is we have to listen in order to hear. These two things piggy-back on each other.

We have learned, through society, to be self reliant, independent, to pull ourselves up and to be patted on the back when we accomplish something. The problem is we are not self reliant and we are usually pretty good failures when we attempt to be independent. And, how many times have you really pulled yourself up by the bootstraps? We even give our kids trophies for being on a team. Win or lose, we reward winners, mediocrity and failures.

In order to hear GOD, we have to want to hear HIM. We have to pray. Our prayerful thoughts need to be more than mere mumblings, with little conviction,

that GOD will answer us. Specific prayers are answered with specific answers. If you want to know what GOD said, ask HIM. Then, listen for what HE tells you. It may not be what you want to hear. It might take a leap of faith do do what GOD says for you to do. There is no reason to question what GOD said if you are not prepared to do it.

The question may not be 'what did GOD say'. It might just be what you do about what GOD said. Listen to what GOD says so HE does not have to say it twice. When GOD says jump, don't ask how high...just jump!

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for talking with me and reminding me what to do as YOU desire. Forgive me for doing things my way and then coming to YOU for help in straightening out the mess I have created. I promise to come to YOU first in sincere prayer and then doing as YOU tell me to do. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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