

## Week 6: Authority & Hearing God's Voice (Part 1)

### Introduction - We are both in authority and under authority

*"Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the Lord heard this.*

*(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)*

*At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you." So the three of them went out. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words:*

*"When there is a prophet among you,  
I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions,  
I speak to them in dreams.  
But this is not true of my servant Moses;  
he is faithful in all my house.  
With him I speak face to face,  
clearly and not in riddles;  
he sees the form of the Lord.  
Why then were you not afraid  
to speak against my servant Moses?"  
The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them.*

*When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam's skin was leprous - it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."*

*So Moses cried out to the Lord, "Please, God, heal her!"*

*The Lord replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back."*

Numbers 12

## Hearing God speak should be our expectation not our exception

*"Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."*

John 14:12

**Scripture**

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**Regularity**

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**Specific Revelation**

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*"Eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy."*

1 Cor 14:1

*"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

Matthew 7:11

## Walking with Jesus, moving in His power

*"Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."*

John 5:19

*"Whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."*

John 12:50

*"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give"*

Matthew 10:8

*"One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.*

*Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong."*

Acts 3:1-8

*"Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"*

Acts 3:12

*"It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see."*

Acts 3:16

## **What stops us hearing God's voice and moving in His power?**

Many of us have strongholds that consistently resist God's voice.

### **Unbelief**

- I don't believe that God is going to speak to me.
- I don't believe that I can hear God's voice.

### **Fear**

- I'm anxious that I'll get it wrong.
- I'm worried about what the other team members think of me.

### **Insignificance**

- I'm not really needed on the team.
- What I've heard won't be taken seriously

### **Pride**

- I can hear God better than that person.
- I don't need to do it that way.

Before you come to ask God questions, ensure that you have allowed God to search your heart and deal with any sin that would limit you hearing God's voice that day.

## Group Work

1. What in this teaching was new to you?
2. Share experiences of how you have heard God speak, either through scripture or in other ways.
3. How do you feel about the call from scripture to 'eagerly desire the gift of the Spirit especially prophesy'?

## Homework

1. Continue to pray and ask God to reveal areas of your life not submitted to His authority.
2. Wherever you are in hearing God's voice, give yourself time this week to stop and to listen more.