

Heart Problems, Hearing Problems

I began a study in the book of Exodus to examine Moses' leadership and to see how I can become a better leader. In this study you watch how Moses deals with himself, how he deals with God's people and how he deals with Pharaoh. In the beginning of the book it discusses Moses challenging Pharaoh to let the Israelites go and worship in the desert. If you have read the account you know that Pharaoh did not want to allow this to happen and God had to use the plagues to get his attention. One of the key phrases throughout each encounter was "Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen". He would not listen to Moses, he would not listen to Aaron and he would not listen to God. This phrase made me think about the times that God was trying to tell me something either through His word, an event or another person and I was unable to listen because of the condition of my heart. It is amazing that a hardened heart affects your ability to hear.

Sometimes we go through times of spiritual drought because we are not working on keeping our hearts soft. We allow laziness to make our studies and prayer times superficial. We can let sin go not dealt with in our hearts, which in turn hardens our hearts to where it affects our ability to hear God. Even our pride or independence from God can create a hardness of heart that makes listening to God or godly people difficult. The tragedy of Pharaoh's inability to listen brought him and the Egyptians ever increasing trouble. It wasn't until Pharaoh lost his son that he began to consider his actions but even then his heart was hard as a rock.

The questions I have for you are these: Is

your heart soft enough to affect your hearing? Are you able to listen to God because the obstacles in the heart are being demolished? God has invited us into a relationship with him. It will always be just that, a relationship. Just as communication in marriage becomes difficult when hearts are hard, so it is with God. We must work to keep our hearts tender so that we can listen when God is speaking.

"Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

But God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

Praise be to God who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!"

(Psalm 66:16-20) -KW

Today's Meetings:

Bible Talk Leaders: Ed Bldg, Room 201
Believing Wives: Chapel, Room 101
Kirklin BT Lunch: Ed Bldg, Fellowship Hall

This Week's Meetings:

Wednesday – 'Too Busy NOT to Pray' Class
Saturday – 'Love Dare' Younger Marriage Class

Love Dare participants! Have you completed your challenges each day this week?

Attention 7th - 12 Graders!!!

There will be a fun and inspiring Teen Rally in Cincinnati (February 27 & 28), NEXT WEEKEND. Rally includes great inspirational lessons plus snow tubing and free housing!! To sign up, please see Sharon Worley TODAY after services.



CONTRIBUTION 2/14/10

Budget	\$7150.00
Contribution	\$6362.58
Dr. in Bogotá	\$397.25
Special Missions	\$985.00
Music/Media	\$40.00
Local Benevolence	\$0.00
Haiti	\$10.00

Along with our regular contribution we will be taking up a contribution on the first Sunday of each month for our Music/Media Ministry. On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays we will collect money to support the Dr. that serves the poor at the Hope Clinic in Bogotá. The month that we have a fifth Sunday we will take a collection that goes towards local benevolence.
Sean Finch

Louisville Church of Christ Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Louisville Church of Christ is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family—by connecting them with a vibrant, spirit-led church family that reflects the diversity of our metro Louisville community—to help them grow in Christ-like maturity and to become equipped for their personal ministries in the church and their life's missions in the world—in order to glorify God and advance the cause of Christ.

Women! How is your prayer life changing this month? Encourage each other!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midweek Service

Wednesday, 2/24/10

7:00 pm

Worship

Sunday, 2/28/10

10:00 am

ACR Campus Retreat

And

HS Teen Retreat

2/26th-28th/10

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