

## How God Speaks -Intimacy and hearing His voice

### Handout

#### Remember Peter! Becoming who you already are IN CHRIST

"Knowing Him Prayers – His purpose for me Prayers" *Ephesians 1:17-19 and Colossians 1:3-6*

*Behold I stand (He's always standing) at the door and knock (He's always knocking desiring to come in) if anyone hears my voice and opens the door (receives me as a friend), I will come in and eat (be intimate, commune) with him and he with me. Rev. 3:20*

What keeps us from opening up the door and having intimate communion with Jesus? **Guilt, shame, Condemnation**

1) God is holy, 2) I'm not, 3) I have to try harder. The remedy to this lie is in your Spiritual Location – "IN Christ"

The Apostle Peter is a great example of failure and screw ups. One who missed the mark over and over, filled with guilt shame and condemnation. He is one of the biggest failures as a believer in the bible.

Because of Peters 3 years of failures and His sin consciousness and condemnation I believe he had a hard time with intimacy with Jesus, what was he afraid of?

John 13:21-26 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." Peter could have asked Jesus, but because of all his failures was he afraid it might be him?

John 20:17 Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Nothing mentioned about scattering, about betrayal or denial, no rebuke, nor correction, nothing, just go tell my brothers...I'm going to my Father and their Father...

Mark 16:4-7 "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter. (That no good, betraying, worthless...) 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

Not go tell the disciples and John, not the disciples and Andrew, **no, but go tell the disciples and Peter.**

Jesus wants Peter the one who denied Him 3 times...Tell him I'm alive and there is not one word of condemnation, not one word of guilt or shame, it's gone...**Why? The past is wiped out and remembered no more...!**

He who is forgiven much loves much. Have we forgotten what we've been forgiven for? How much we are loved?  
Luke 7:47

Later on Jesus sits down with the eleven and Jesus says to Peter, and never even mentions the denials. No! Why because it was washed away by the blood of Christ. And I will remember their sins no more. I have sent as far as the east is from the west. When will we stop drinking the accusers Kool-Aide?

Agape love is the highest kind of selfless, unconditional love and heart of devotion for another. Philae love is affection towards someone. I care about you as friend  
Kind of like telling someone, "I love you," and they answer back, "I like you too." John 21:15-19

Peter couldn't meet the bar of agape, he's probably still feeling guilty, still feeling condemned. This just happened recently that he denied his lord. And he's just being honest. When our hearts are condemned, it dilutes the love we have for Jesus. Where sin conscious we run away from God.

The Greatest failure became the greatest disciple. That didn't change who Peter was in Christ, Nothing Changes who you are in Christ!

**Brothers and sisters Peter is you! Peter is me** and the next time when you sense guilt, shame and the voice of condemnation. I have two words for you. **Remember, Peter!**

Colossians 1:21-23 *Why?*

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All we have to do is wake up each day simply BELIEVING IT!

**Remember Peter. Remember who you're in Christ.** Don't take the accusers bait! His voice is not still, have you noticed? You are never not in him and he is never not in you. This is who we are, this is who you are, and this is who I am. The young man that wanted to go to Bible school

The Christian life is becoming who you already are so you can come before his face, never feeling unworthy again.

Romans 8:1 there is therefore **now no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor. 1:30 Because of Him you are in Christ Jesus.

In Christ, you are a new creation 2 Cor. 5:17

In Christ, you were saved from wrath. 2 Tim.2:15

In Christ, you were gods masterpiece created for good works. Eph. 2:10

In Christ, you were a child of God the son of God Gal. 3:26

In Christ you've been reconciled to God the father, Eph. 2:13

In Christ, there is no condemnation Rom. 8:1

In Christ you are free Gal. 3:4

In Christ, you're blessed with every spiritual, blessing in the heavenly places, Eph. 1:3

In Christ, you sit together with Christ in the heavenly realm Eph. 2:6

In Christ you are part of his very body and his flesh it was flush Rom. 12:5

In Christ you are a righteous saint, holy blameless, and you can't even be indicted Col. 1:22

**Nothing can separate you** from the love of God which is "in Christ" Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38

Don't ever entertain or wear sin, guilt, shame and condemnation ever again.

**We are Peter! Jesus is standing and knocking; open the door of your heart and commune with Him!**



**NO**

**CONDEMNATION**

**Intimacy and hearing His voice**

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*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation, in the knowing of Him.** Ephesians 1:17*

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What Keeps us from opening that door and having intimate communion with Jesus?

What is the biggest obstacle to our growth and transformation?

What is the biggest weapon the enemy uses against us to keep us from intimacy and hearing Gods voice?

**CONDEMNATION!**



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1) God is Holy, 2) I'm not, 3) I have to try harder!

If you have a bible turn to Colossians 1:21-23 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death, In order to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—  
if you continue in your faith, established and firm...

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**Colossians 2:9 And in Him, have been made**  
**Complete!**

**You dear Brother dear Sister have been made (past tense) complete, not going to be, not someday, not I'm getting there. In Gods sight you are complete, brought to fullness, lacking nothing IN CHRIST!**

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- 1) On the water - Peter comes out to Jesus on the water but sinks- He doubted. Have you ever doubted?
- 2) Mount of transfiguration Impulsive Peter is interrupted by God the Father. Have you ever been interrupted by God for you bad idea?
- 3) Telling the lord that he won't go to the cross – Have you ever disagreed, refused to believe with God, don't do that?
- 4) Jesus asks him to stay up and pray with Him – Have you ever been too tired to be with Him?
- 5) Cutting off the guards ear- Jesus rebukes Peter – Have you ever did something that wasn't Gods will, wasn't loving?
- 6) Denying the Lord 3 times – Have you ever denied Him or have been ashamed of Him?



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Luke 7:47 Therefore I tell you, because her many sins have been forgiven, she has loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.”

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John 21:15-19 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.....Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

# Peter learned something. There is no condemnation!

Read 2 Peter 1:3-11

God has given us everything that pertains to life and godly living through our intimate relationship with Him...

...faith; goodness; knowledge; to self-control, perseverance; godliness; mutual affection; love.. (Philia, Agape)

2 Peter 1:9,10

He who lacks these qualities is nearsighted and blind having forgotten he has been cleansed from his past sins. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble...

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...If you continue in your faith, This not a threat, i.e. *You better continue in the faith.*

It is a invitation to simply believe it!

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**Becoming who you already are IN CHRIST**

**The Christian life is becoming who we already are In Him so we can always approach God with no condemnation, but only confidence so we can be intimate with Him. Its why He came.**

**Romans 8:1 there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.**

**Do you now see why?**



**I AM FREE  
IN CHRIST!**