



## I. REVIEW/INTRO

- A. "Here" is the best place that I can be

**Matthew 6:31-33 (NIRV) <sup>31</sup> So don't worry. Don't say, 'What will we eat?' Or, 'What will we drink?' Or, 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> People who are ungodly run after all those things. Your Father who is in heaven knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all those things will also be given to you.**

- Here is the absolute best place I can be, because God is here
- B. Seeing versus hearing
- On earth you see things before you hear them
  - Would you rather see God or hear God?
- C. You don't have to see what God is doing, to trust what He's saying
- In the Kingdom of God, you hear something before you see something

**Question: What am I hearing... here?**

- D. We can become so frustrated with the circumstances of "here" that we can't hear

## II. GIVE US EARS THAT HEAR

- A. Here, is where we hear

**Mark 4:24 (NLT) Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more.**

**Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

- Fear comes by hearing
  - Fake comes by hearing
  - Failure comes by hearing
- B. We aren't "hearing" impaired—we're "here-ing" impaired

## III. FORGET WHAT YOU'VE HEARD

- A. Often we will hear about God before we hear from God  
B. Forget what you've heard



**Matthew 5:21-22 (NLT) <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.**

- Jesus is taking the law that was about behavior and he's addressing your heart

C. Forget what you've heard, because I'm here

**Matthew 5:17 (NLT) “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.**

**Colossians 2:16-17 (TLB) <sup>16</sup> So don’t let anyone criticize you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating Jewish holidays and feasts or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths <sup>17</sup> For these were only temporary rules that ended when Christ came. They were only shadows of the real thing—of Christ himself.**

**Romans 8:3 (NLT) The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.**