



### I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. The experts agree

**Judges 17:6 (NLT)** In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

B. Can we tell the difference between voices and noises?

C. The conclusion you arrive at will either be an asset or liability

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- The conclusion you arrive at is often based in the belief you start with
  - We often mistake our beliefs for the truth
  - We think it's the believing of something that makes it true

### II. THE LAW OF HEARING

A. The Law of hearing

**Luke 8:18 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup> Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them."

- Mark records this differently...

**Mark 4:23-24 (NIV)** <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear." <sup>24</sup> "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.

B. The power of hearing

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

C. Words are containers

**Romans 1:16 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

- Believing opens the container
- D. All of the experts agreed – except God



**Romans 4:17-21 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup>** (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; <sup>18</sup> who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, **according to what was spoken**, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

### III. A DIFFERENT EXPERT

A. If we could see from God perspective many of our struggles would be over

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B. God’s perspective isn’t limited

- God doesn’t live with the restriction of “past, present or future”

C. Abraham’s response to the experts

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- Abraham had nothing more than you and I do – he had what was spoken

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**Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

D. What does God say about you?

**1 John 5:4-5 (TPT) <sup>4</sup>** *You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world.* <sup>5</sup> So who are the world conquerors, *defeating its power?* Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

**Philippians 1:6 (TPT) <sup>6</sup>** *I pray with great faith for you, because I’m fully convinced that the One who began this glorious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you and will put his finishing touches to it until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!*