

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA
AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY PART 4
JULY 23RD, 2017 - GABE PALMER

I. Recap

- A. Part 1 and part 3 we looked at how we relate to one another in Authentic Community. We are a spiritual body that has been equipped to bring healing to one another through confession and prayer for one another. Genuine love will be reflected by taking care of one another's needs through generous giving of our personal resources.
- B. Part 2 we looked at how we relate to God in Authentic Community. He has given us his glory to make us one. We identified that the glory he is speaking of is his name. His name meaning his character and nature. And how God commands us not to take his name in vain

II. The Voice that makes us one

John 10:14-16 *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

- A. The shepherd and the sheep know each other in a similar way as the Trinity knows one another.
- B. "The fold" is referring to the Jews. The other sheep are Gentile believers. They will hear, know and listen to his voice. Because of this there will be one flock.

John 10:1-5 *Truly, truly, I say to you, He who does not enter into the sheepfold by the door, but going up by another way, that one is a thief and a robber. But he who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him. For*

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they know his voice. And they will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.

- C. Jesus is giving us insight in how we are to know His voice and decipher it from the voice of another.
- D. The door in His example is the key factor of knowing which voice is the voice of truth. What is the door?

John 10:7 *Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.*

- E. Jesus is the door. Meaning the voice of the Holy Spirit will always reflect the nature and character of Christ. The true voice goes through Jesus. The voice of the Holy Spirit will never contradict the character of God. He does not speak according to his own will but speaks what the father is speaking through Jesus. (John 16:13)

Luke 6:45 *Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...*

- F. The sheep do not follow any voice blindly. They follow the Shepherd because they know Him. Although they may not know where they are going, they know the one who is leading them and follow with confidence.

III. Elijah and the Voice

1 Kings 19:9-13 *There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." 11And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the*

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sound of a low whisper. 13And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

- A. The Lord passed by but he was not in the wind, earthquake or fire. He was in the still small voice.
- B. The Lord caused these outward signs to manifest in the presence of Elijah but Elijah could not find God in them. In the same way God revealed himself to Moses by declaring his name, He reveals himself to Elijah by his voice.
- C. A sign requires no intimacy or fellowship. To know God requires more than seeking outward signs and manifestations.

IV. David and the Voice

- A. David is the only person in the bible who was awarded the title of “A man after God’s own heart”. (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22)
- B. What qualified him to receive such an honorable title? This is a title that the Lord want’s to give to all of us, not just David.
- C. Before David becomes king of Israel his life circumstances goes from good, to great, to horrible and through it all he was anchored in who God was.(1 Samuel 16-31)
- D. David did not rely on outward “signs” to inform him about God’s will or direction in life. He pursued the knowledge of God to keep him steady during some of the most difficult seasons of his life.

Proverbs 2:1-5 *My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God.*