

The Spirit Led Life – Part 2: Hearing from God

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- **The Spirit Led Life**
 - The Third Option. Sometimes it seems like there are two options:
 - 1) selfish pleasure seeking or 2) dead religion. Neither of those end well.
 - The Third Option is the Spirit led life! WAY BETTER!!
- **Part 2: Hearing from God**
 - Obviously, a huge part of being Spirit led is actually hearing from God for yourself.
 - There is a lot of this not happening...and then a lot of weird stuff too. Let's not do either.
 - Daniel, "Not so much trying to get God to speak, but learning how to listen."
 - Daniel and dreams from God. "I don't get dreams from God."
 - Then he told his wife 3 dreams he had when he was 8-10 years old. Rollercoaster in the desert, huge orphanage, cave with jewels. He had dreams from God!!!!
 - Don't make "That's not for me" part of your identity. Maybe not yet, but let's believe!
 - **Romans 8:1-17**
- Some Testimonials
 - My discernment process for Bigfork 24 years ago. Co-location model 14 years ago.
 - "None of them are right."
 - Doug Thomas and his step-mom.
- Ways you can get it wrong. (There are many! This is not an exhaustive list!)
 - Assume you can't hear from God or be led by the Spirit.
 - Focus on the negative. There are always giants in the land!!
 - Financial strain of this moment...or hey, 3 ministries at their end are now being reborn!!!
 - Being too impatient.
 - Bigfork 10 years ago. Morgan Park now. Sometimes you wait in faith.
 - Maybe God is waiting for you!!!! (Me with ministry, I wasn't ready.)
 - Mistaking your emotions/desires for the leading of the Spirit.
 - Classic, "God told me we are going to get married." (Funny Daniel story!)
 - Getting it a little twisted: **John 11:51-53, Acts 20:22-24 vs Acts 21:10-14**
 - Mixture of the Spirit's lead with human ideas that messed it up.
 - Path of least resistance as the leading of the Spirit.
 - Sometimes the hardest path is the one God wants you to follow!!
- Tips on how to get it right.
 - Always evaluate vs Biblical truth!!!!
 - Do the opposites of what we covered in the ways you can get it wrong!
 - Intentional prayer and fasting. Spirit led giving too.
 - When your body says "eat a cheeseburger!" you get to know the sound of your hunger.
 - Tranette and I with writing down a number. Church board leaning on this now too.
 - Big one: Be Obedient Quickly!!!
 - At some point you have to go from the discernment phase to the faith phase. (NEXT WEEK)
 - Often you will learn to hear God's voice with experience. So, go get some experience!!
- Let's do some of this. Let's try to hear from God right now.
 - **James 1:5-7**
 - Believe you can get wisdom from God because it is a Biblical promise and you are a child of God.
 - Then, you can live the Spirit led life rather than dead religion or selfish sin.
 - Wisdom: relationships, church, finances, things to give up, things to do, relationship with God...
 - Let's pray!!! (you pray, don't just listen to me pray)
- For prayer email prayer@goodhope.ag Have a blessed day!