

**“SOULed OUT”**  
**Session 14: Hearing God’s Whispers**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

**I. Keys for Meeting Needs**

**A. The Money Key**

Financial resources that connect with a specific need

1 Timothy 6:17-19

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

Proverbs 19:17 (p158)

*He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.*

**B. The Dream key**

Helping people achieve their life dreams

Ps 139:15-17

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

- Our dream is invented by God and not by us
- Our dream is why God formed us
- God wants for each of us to accomplish our dream

Fear we face in pursuing a life dream

- The dream seems too big, or we feel disqualified to pursue it
- The dream is opposed by others whose opinions we highly value

**Q: Think about a time when you felt God's presence and empowering, what was special about that?**

**Q: Have you ever sensed a calling from God?**

2 Timothy 1:6-7

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

### **C. The Forgiveness Key**

Healing the wounds of the heart

Isaiah 58:6-11

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?*

***Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear;*** *then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

## **II. Deciphering God's signals**

- Identify the person God has in mind for a divine appointment
- Determine which need to focus on
- Know when a person's heart is being opened to receive from God
- Feel confident that God is leading you
- Help the person to interpret what God is doing

**Q: Which of these are the most challenging for you?**

### **A. The God Nudge**

An inner push that directs us toward a person, a place or an action

Example: a person just comes to mind.

- Unexpected and out of context
- Subtle but clear
- Feels uncomfortable

### **B. The Revealing Clue**

A cue is a signal that comes from another person's words or body language.

- I'm worried that...
- I wish that...
- I can't believe that...
- I should have never....

### C. The Clarifying Bump

Confirming a need. Usually in the form of a question

- How may I help you?
- If you could change something about your life, what would it be?
- What are one or two of the biggest problems your family is facing these days?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?
- What if anything has discouraged you lately?
- If Jesus were standing here, what do you think He's say about this discussion?

How to proceed:

- a. Maintain eye contact
- b. Soften and lower your voice
- c. Slow down
- d. Relax your posture
- e. Invite more sharing
- f. Practice empathy

An example from Acts 8:26-38

*Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road-- the desert road-- that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his*

*descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.*

#### **D. The Spirit Prompt**

A sudden insight about the person you are seeking to help

They usually occur while talking to the person.

- a. Take your thoughts off yourself and place your faith in God's Spirit to lead (Move through fear)
- b. Search for the emotional obstacle or limiting belief
- c. Speak to the heart
- d. Give God time to act

Acts 3:2-7

*Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.*

Acts 9:39-41

*Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive.*

## **E. The Spotlight turns to God**

Acts 4:7-10

*They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.*

Help the person identify and describe the specific need that was met

- You don't feel fear anymore do you?
- Something changed inside of you, what was it?
- What did God show you?
- How do you feel about what God just did?
- Can you say a short prayer to God thanking him, or may I offer a prayer for you?

Luke 17:15-16

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-- and he was a Samaritan.*

### **For Personal reflection and goal setting**

A. Which of the key's mentioned in part one do you tend to help others with?

B. Have you seen God direct you though the process we described today in deciphering God's signals? If so what was the situation?

C. In which of the five areas in part two would you like to become more attuned? Is anything holding you back?

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