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## Hearing from god joyce meyer

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They are just there to be uplifting and encouraging and give an example of content. You know God uses us differently, and I hope you're past the mindset that if you're not on a platform somewhere, then you're not being used by God. Because, frankly, most of the work that needs to be done and done in the world is done by one-on-one people who are out there at their work, in the market, in the store. Most people who need help do not come to church. I mean now, I'm sure we all need help here today, but most people who are much more desperately need help than you are there. They didn't know they were coming here today. So we come together to learn and grow so that we can then go out and witness what Christ wants us to do to change the world. Every Christian is called to serve. Each of you is called to serve. We all have a ministry of intercession. It is our ministry to pray for others, and we all have the service of reconciliation, the Bible says that now that go between what helps bring reconciliation between the lost and God. So, you all have ministry, to learn how God wants you to show that service can be one thing, more than likely it will be several things, but I stop saying that the only way you are going to ever learn is to go out and learn. Don't be afraid to try something. It doesn't take long and you'll know if it's just something you can do or if that's what God wants you to do. You know, Paul was a minister for quite some time before God said: Separate me now Paul and Barnabas for the work to which I encouraged them to do. way they had been on the minister for a long time before it happened, but then God set apart for special things. And I think a lot of times we're so determined to be sent off for this special thing that we don't get the training that we need for this thing by doing all these other things that God may want us to do. You can serve in the ministry help. You may, I do not know, be asked to help clean up the church. It may not be that very attractive or anything that you feel worth very much, but many times in our lives God launches us through the paces. I think I can say to check our attitude just to see: Are you willing to do whatever I ask you to do, or should it be something great for you to be willing to do it? So, say it again, don't be afraid to go out and find out, and just because you're getting into something and it's not right for you, it doesn't mean you made a mistake going out into it. It just means that you are in the process of trying to figure out what it is that God wants you to do. I mentioned that the great man of God said that he never, in all his walk with God, at any really important stage in his life God told him exactly what he wanted him to do. He said: God has always worked with me, but he made me go out there and try things, and pray for things, and do things. So, if you have too much of a supernatural view of what it means to be led by the Holy Spirit, many times you will miss what God really wants you to do, because in many ways the way God speaks to us and deals with us is much more normal than you think. So we're going to go ahead from now on and talk about some other things about how to hear from God. First of all, I mean, if you don't listen to the little things that God asks you to do, chances are you'll never hear him tell you anything big. Amen? You've probably heard some of these stories, so I won't work with them for too long, but when God started calling me into ministry back in the 70s, I already had three kids and certainly wasn't in a place where I could go to Bible College, but even if you can't go somewhere to go to school to be trained for the ministry You can always go to the school of the Holy Spirit. You can always ask God to start teaching you where you are in what it is that you do. Well, I was a housewife, and part of that time I was still working full time, but after a certain period of time because I didn't get any time to study, I felt like God wanted me to quit my job and spend as much time as I could study the Bible. I had a dream in my heart, but there was no evidence that it would ever happen. Many times you can do something, but if you don't take the time to prepare, then you will not be released into what it is that God wants you to do. So, in order for me to quit my job, we're going to have to take a big step of faith, because our accounts were a month more than our income would be. And then I learned to trust God for money, and most of the things he did for us were seemingly small, but they really helped me build my faith in God. I had a few friends, and, you know, we did things like go to the farmers market once a week and things like that, but I had a grocery store that was right down the street from my house, and so it seemed like I ended up in the grocery store two, three times a week. And as unique as it may sound, God taught me some of the deepest lessons I've learned that have helped me all my years in the ministry at this grocery store. And indeed, I tell you this because I want you to encourage you to watch as God tries to teach you in the ordinary everyday affairs of everyday life. You can learn some amazing lessons just as you go about your daily routine. So, one of the first things that God started to deal with me was to put my grocery basket back into the space that was marked for grocery baskets. And, you know, most people don't want to do that. They want to leave it in the middle of the parking lot to chase someone else's car down or it's amazing how hard we'll work on trying to kick the wheel in a certain direction so it won't roll. It takes a lot less time to go put it back to where it belongs, but instead of doing it, we spend all this time trying to get it not to go anywhere and then it ends up running in someone's car anyway. And I'm sad to say that, but it took me two years to become completely obedient. So obviously I was far from being a worldwide ministry of material. How many of you understand what I'm saying? If you're not going to obey God when he tells you to do something like walking around with integrity or doing something with perfection, you know, like what we all do, because we feel that God is dealing with us to do it. We stay in many hotels and every time we leave our hotel room we turn off all the lights and because that's what I just felt God put on my heart. Now, you know I can relate to what I don't care? I paid for the room, they have to pay the bills. But you see, no matter how you treat other people, you will seed a seed that will come back to you at some point in your life. So, I wasn't in Bible school, but these were the lessons that God taught me. He taught me how to be excellent. He taught me how to be honest. Another thing he taught me at the grocery store was we were on a very tight budget, \$70 every two weeks on groceries, and so I had to go with my coupons and my calculator and that nothing has crossed. And you have a tendency when you go to the grocery store, especially if you're hungry, you put a lot of things in the basket that by the time you get to the last aisle, you realize you can't pay for it and so you have to choose through and decide what you can save and what you can't. And I like many other people at the time, I would just take something I didn't want and just put it anywhere I was in the store. You know, that's why you're going to find a salad head with cleaning supplies at the grocery store. It was people like me who once did it. Well, you know, I didn't want to go all the way to the dairy and egg aisle that's here at the end, back to the product, you know, to hide the lettuce head, why? Because we're lazy, and I just didn't want to. I didn't care that someone else would have to clean up my mess, so it was another thing that God taught me. It was like, no, take it back, put it where you got it. You know, God can annoy you. He knows how to annoy you. Put it back, put it back. And you're trying to get away from him, and it's just. And another thing I learned at the grocery store was to read the fine print on the coupons. For example, I remember that they very often had chickens for sale, three for a dollar or whatever it was. It was a long time ago that you get three chickens for a dollar. But when you become a Christian, a serious Christian, you begin to notice the fine print that you have managed to ignore. And I never noticed what he said: Limit three per customer. Well, I didn't want three chickens. I wanted to fill my freezer full of chickens so I would take my kids to the store with me and each one would get three chickens in the basket. Dave would have three, the kids would have all three, I would have three. We all had coupons, and then the Holy Spirit started judging me. I mean, should I be convicted of chickens? Don't I have things much more serious in my life than chickens? And he's responding to me in that fine print. Well, I knew I had a problem when I was in line one day getting ready to pay for my chickens, and I thought I didn't think I gave my daughter enough money for taxation. And my heart pounded in fear that the clerk would realize that I was doing something I shouldn't be doing. And I started learning, you know, if you need to feel like you have to hide something, or you feel like you're doing something wrong, then that means you. Well, to be honest, I've been a Christian for a long time, but I don't know how it is. No one taught me this kind of thing, and I had someone recently actually a famous minister, he was at a conference where I taught some things on perfection and he said: I've never in my life heard this kind of thing. Now, how can we be adults and not know what perfection and integrity are? However, a lot of people in the world didn't, which is why the world is in a mess that it's in. What I will tell you is that I remember God taught me when I was in department store stores, you know how many people they would knock clothes off the hangers and just leave them lying on the floor. And God started telling me to pick them up and put them back on the hangers. And I thought, why would I clean up someone else's mess? It doesn't make any sense. But then I felt like the Lord said to me: Well, would you like someone to clean your dining rooms someday? And so now God has provided and has for years all the help that I need in order to do what I do. Let me tell you something, sometimes when you, or we, when we disobey God in some of these little things, we really don't realize that we are creating a problem for ourselves that we will deal with later. So when God tells you something little to do, keep in mind that everything God says is nothing much about it. So if God is worried to tell you about it, then does that mean that it's a big and important thing in your life, and you should just, in obedience, child like obedience, amen? Just like a small child it may seem silly, but the child is like obedience. I think nothing binds us to God in close communion more than being a child of God who is willing to do seemingly stupid little things just because you believe that this is what your Heavenly Father wants you to do. So, I'll just say it again, if we're not going to obey God's little things, then we're probably going to miss out on a lot of the big things we'd like to do. How about if someone gives you too many changes? Do you take it back or do you just think: Oh man, God bless me? You see, anyone who knows the Word of God knows it's just stupid. You know, more than anything, this is a test to see if you're going to be honest, amen? One day I bought a pair of shoes and I was looking at a purse that went with it and was going to get a purse and then I decided not to get a wallet. When I got home, the guy accidentally put a purse in my bag. Well, you know, in a way it's a little annoying when someone else made the mistake that now you have to spend your time and gas money to go right, but I knew I needed to do it. That's how we hear from God. How many times do you know what you need to do? You don't need a three-part series that you preach. You know deep inside what you need to do. Well, one of the main ways that God speaks to us is through just knowing. There's no need to try to explain how you know, you just know. You just know you have to or shouldn't do it. This is what makes our relationship, our personal relationship with God, precious and exciting when you walk with him in your daily routine Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, when you go with him in your daily routine, and you want to with your heart to obey him and be the kind of person that he wants you to be. Don't worry about being in some big ministry. If you're meant to be in some great full-time travel ministry or be on a platform somewhere to do something generous, that's great, but I'll tell you, you never get about doing it if you don't do those little things that I tell you to do. Is it always going to be part of learning, because what does the Bible say? These are the little foxes that spoil the vine. I'll tell you one more thing that causes us a lot of problems. I won't harp on this, but I think it's one of the things that keeps us from hearing from God properly, and it's with a negative attitude to complain. I think if anyone could just go through the whole day without uttering a single complaint, would that be an outstanding miracle from God, amen? I bet the fact that God has spoken to all of you, including me, hundreds of times in your life, you should not say that. No one, am I alone? It's just, you know, just getting ready to say something. Sometimes I notice that I'm willing to say something, and the only point is that it's going to draw attention to me. You know, sometimes we want to say something cute, smart, or funny, but it's just really, really, to draw attention to ourselves. When you can start getting very, very honest with yourself and really validate the motive of why you're doing things, you can start maturing pretty quickly, and I know that I have many times in my life when God will just say: You shouldn't say that. Now, I would like to stand here and tell you that I am always obedient and anytime he tells me not to speak, but I am not so good yet, thank God I am not where I was before, but I am not where I should be either. However, I'm glad I'm still making progress. All this is designed to help us be more obedient. You know, the Bible says, Be also aware that I am God. And so, much of this knowing is a different kind of knowledge. It's not knowing the head, it's knowing the heart. One great female missionary, I didn't recognize her name. I didn't even write it down. I don't know what you would, but she did a lot of great things on the mission field, and when asked how she knew what to do, I loved her baby as the answer. She said, Oh, I don't know. I just get these anointed concepts. And I thought that was a good thing. You know, God will talk to us sometimes, just giving us an idea, but you can tell it's something a little different. It's not just like your head idea. There's something in it that kind of feels special about it. I've talked to someone over a break about how I decide and know what I think I should teach or preach in any meeting that I do, and I've done it for a long time and a lot of it. I mean, I think I have here recently where I taught 13 different posts in one month. Well, how do I know what's right for every crowd? I get messages sometimes that I've preached in the past years and sometimes I do it just to see if there's an issue that seems to fit. You know, when you go with God and do what God wants you to do, it just seems right. He just feels comfortable. You know, no one likes to wear clothes that are uncomfortable. We like to be comfortable and I like to feel comfortable in my relationship with God. And so, sometimes you have to try a few things before you come to what you are comfortable with. So you can know what God wants you to do just by: Do I feel good about it? So, I could have preached a series of messages at one point and just thought they were the greatest message, the greatest thing. Now maybe four or five years from now I can pick them up, and I think you know, I'm going to preach it again. That would be really good. And I can start looking at the notes and it just falls so flat inside me. I don't even care, so why do I think it's going to interest someone else? But then I could pick the same set of notes two months later and then it would just feel good. So, many of our rumors are from God, well, I would say almost all of our hearing from God, it's not from here somewhere. It comes from within us. Us.

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