

Force Of Habit Part 3 with Jason Park

THE HABIT OF LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S VOICE

"At the time, discipline isn't much fun. It always feels like it's going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off handsomely, for it's the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God. "So don't sit around on your hands! No more dragging your feet! Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and sprain an ankle. Help each other out. And run for it!"

"let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception. It is a prevailing attitude." **Colin Powell**

"This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers." **1 Timothy**

WHAT AM I LISTENING TO?

HIS _____

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." **Romans**

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth." **Psalms**

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." **John**

MY RESPONSE = _____

HIS _____

"The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults." **Psalms**

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope."

MY RESPONSE = _____

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." **Psalms**

HIS _____

"I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'" **John**

“Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” **Isaiah**

MY RESPONSE = _____

HIS _____

“...But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” **1 Corinthians**

MY RESPONSE = _____

HIS _____

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.” **Hebrews**

MY RESPONSE = _____

HIS _____

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” **Ephesians**

MY RESPONSE = _____

ALL _____ (IS GOD'S TRUTH)

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” **John**

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.” **John**

MY RESPONSE = _____

AFTER LISTENING GOD EXPECTS PERSONALLY RESPONDING ...

“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

“But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

“Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.” **Deuteronomy 30: 11-14**

“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you DO them.” John

AM I LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

AM I RESPONDING TO GOD'S VOICE? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How can I be reminded of God's works/creation?

Where do I go to hear God's voice?

What are things I do to be more attentive to His Spirit?

How can I be a better follower for my leaders?

What can I do to be more attentive to those who make up the body of Christ?