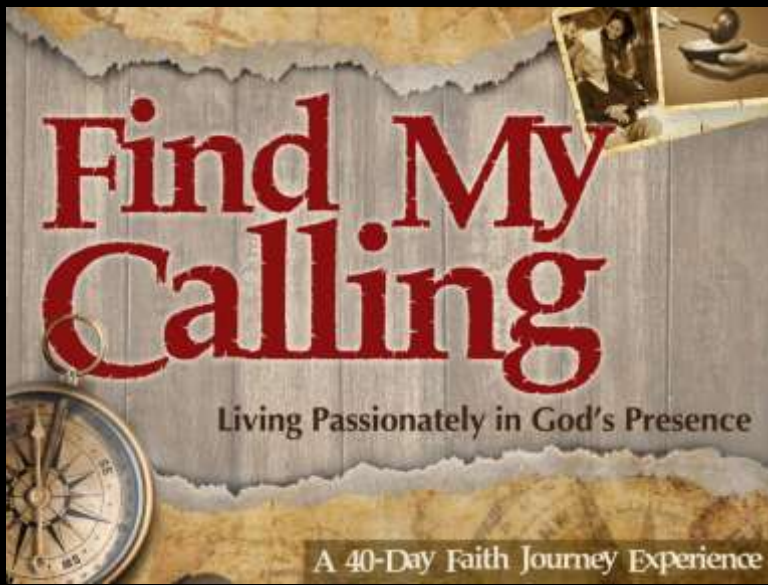




**HEAR HIS VOICE**

**40 Days of Faith**



**2014**



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**40 Days  
of FAITH**



**2016**



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# 40 Days in the Bible

- For disciples of Jesus, 40 Days was a time of testing and growing one's faith; spiritual stretching
- Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness while being tempted by the devil (Matthew 3:17 & 4:1-2)
- Jesus was on the earth 40 days after His crucifixion (Acts 1:3)

**"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our  
God, the Lord is one!"**

**Deuteronomy 6:4**

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

Sh'ma Yisra-eil, Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.

# God's Calling of Samuel

Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "**Speak, for Your servant is listening.**" 1 Samuel 3:10

**And Peter said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet **God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean.**"**

**Acts 10:28**

For the **Lord gives wisdom**; from  
His mouth come knowledge and  
understanding  
Proverbs 2:6

Jesus said, "My sheep **hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me" John 10:27





**Who has one of these?**

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**What was your phone  
number growing up?**

**SHEMA HEAR**

**Jeremiah 33**

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# BOOK OF JEREMIAH

- **Jeremiah's prophetic ministry began in 627 BC (13<sup>th</sup> year of King Josiah, Judah's last good and godly king)**
- **Josiah was killed in battle in 609 BC and was followed by a series of ungodly kings (Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah)**
- **Jeremiah's ministry continued beyond the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BC**

# SHEMA HEAR

Then **the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah** the second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard, saying... **Jeremiah 33:1**

- **God is faithful to speak to us again**
- **God is faithful to speak to us in our troubles**

# WHO IS THIS GOD WHO SPEAKS?

**“Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! **Nothing is too difficult for You**, who shows lovingkindness to thousands, but repays the iniquity of fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O great and mighty God. The Lord of hosts is His name; great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, giving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds”** Jeremiah 32:17-19

# WHO IS THIS GOD WHO SPEAKS?

“Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety. They shall be My people, and I will be their God; and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them. **I will make an everlasting covenant** with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me. I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.” Jeremiah 32:37-41

# SHEMA HEAR

**“Thus says the Lord who made the earth,  
the Lord who formed it to establish it,  
the Lord (יהוה; Yahweh) is His name,”  
Jeremiah 33:2**



**SHEMA = HEAR**

**We are called to **hear** God.**

**Will God **hear** us?**

# SHEMA HEAR

**"Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3**

# STEP 1

**“Call to Me” Jeremiah 33:3**

**We are given access to (the phone number of) God’s mind and heart**

**He **wants** to communicate with you**

# BELIEVERS ARE COMMANDED TO PRAY

- **The Father said, "Call to me" (Jeremiah 33:3)**
- **Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. (Isaiah 55:6)**
- **Jesus taught the disciples, "When you pray" (Matthew 6:5)**
- **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)**
- **Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)**

# STEP 2

“and I will answer (עָנָה *ʿanah*) you”

Jeremiah 33:3

עָנָה *ʿanah* means “answer, hear, testify, speak”

Do you feel like God ignores you?

“**Hear**, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me.” Psalm 27:7

# STEP 3

**“I will tell you great and mighty things” Jeremiah 33:3**

**great** גָּבֹוּל **gadol**

**mighty** בְּצִר **batsar** also translated unsearchable

**“unsearchable” (beṣūrôṭ) means something that is made inaccessible by fortifying it or enclosing it. It is used to describe heavily fortified cities (cf. Num. 13:28; Deut. 3:5; 28:52; Ezek. 21:20). God’s plans for the future are inaccessible to ordinary people. Only God can unlock the secrets of the future.** -Bible Knowledge Commentary

# STEP 4

**“which you do not know” Jeremiah 33:3**

**I need guidance from someone who knows  
more than me**

**I need paths revealed that I don't know exist**

# STEP 4

**“which you do not know” Jeremiah 33:3**

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.  
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so  
are My ways higher than your ways and My  
thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9**



**“WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW”**

**What do you do **after** the Lord teaches you  
great and mighty things?**

**Shema (Hear and Obey)**

# “THINGS WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW”

- **To get answers, ask questions**
- **To get answers, ask questions and then HEAR (SHEMA)**
- **To get the right answers, ask the right questions**
- **When you don't get an answer, keep asking and keep listening**
- **We are called to continuous growth, building on previous answers**
- **Be willing to remove the limitations you impose on God**
- **Recognize that He knows options/paths/insights that you don't**

# HOW TO LISTEN IN PRAYER

- 1. Make prayer a habit.**
- 2. Designate a time and place for prayer where you regularly go to pray.**
- 3. Make that time and place the most optimum for you.**
- 4. Take things with you: your Bible, notebook, pen and devotional materials.**
- 5. Begin by reading God's Word. Read the Bible, then pray.**
- 6. Learn to pray about things all through the day.**
- 7. Keep a record of your requests and answered prayers.**
- 8. Put on the whole armor of God. Prayer is warfare.**
- 9. If you're by yourself, pray out loud. I**
- 10. If your mind wanders, pray about that thing.**

**- Pastor Adrian Rogers**

# WORDS OF JUDGMENT

**"For thus says the Lord God of Israel concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah which are broken down to make a defense against the siege ramps and against the sword, 'While they are coming to fight with the Chaldeans and to fill them with the corpses of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My wrath, and I have hidden My face from this city because of all their wickedness'"**

**Jeremiah 33:4-5**

# WORDS OF PROMISE

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and **I will heal them**; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and will rebuild them as they were at first. **I will cleanse them from all their iniquity** by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me. It will be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them, and they will fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.”

Jeremiah 33:6-9

WHAT DO I DO AFTER I HEAR FROM GOD?

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Dalet

Ayin



שמע ישראל יהוה אחד

The first verse of Shema is printed with an enlarged letter "Ayin" in the word "Shema," and an enlarged letter "Dalet" at the end of the final word, "Ehad."

The two larger-print letters in the first sentence when combined spell טע (ad) which Hebrew means "**witness.**"

עֲשׂוּבָהּ וְעִשְׂרָאֵל יִדְוֶה אֶל־יְצוֹ יִדְוֶה אֶחָד

When you need God, **call** on Him.

When He answers, you become His **witness**.



# SHEMA HEAR

We all LISTEN to lots of stuff everyday

What we HEAR effects who we ARE

After these 40 Days, let's commit to a life of Shema

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בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Baruch sheim k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed.

Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever.

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