

Receiving Communication From God Through External Perceiving

KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Isaiah 43:19 – See, now I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; **do you not perceive it?** I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

The Story of Jonah – he ignored God’s instructions go to Nineveh; God **spoke through circumstances to get his attention:** great wind and violent storm at sea, sailors tossing him overboard, the huge fish swallowing him and spitting him out after three days and nights in its belly.

KEY BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE:

What we are experiencing in any given moment is an invitation to ask God, “What am I to know from what is happening to/around me?”

WAYS TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATION FROM GOD: EXTERNAL PERCEIVING

External Perceiving is God communicating to us through **what we know from external inputs or what we observe and discern in our physical surroundings.**

External circumstances are a way to perceive things in the Spirit.

LIMITING BELIEF: I CAN ONLY GO BY WHAT I SEE...

Our past experiences tend to inform our future interpretation of events and situations. Jonah believed that his calamities were a result of his presence in the situation, but he didn’t perceive God’s intention to lead him to repentance until he was in the belly of the fish.

PROPHETIC PROTOCOL: BE BRIEF AND AMAZING

Proverbs 17:27 – The one who has knowledge uses words **with restraint.**

God will always get to the point with us quickly...when we tune in to what He is communicating to us, for ourselves or others, we want to go deep quickly.

CALL TO ACTION

- Ask God to show you a where **your choices** have kept you from even wanting to give encouragement, comfort or strength to another. **Example:** when you choose your schedule over stopping to serve someone else...is your work or rest time impeding your release of strength, encouragement, or comfort to others?
- Ask the Lord to forgive you for partnering with “time management” or anything else He may highlight. As He reveals your impeding choices then ask Him what truth about my spiritual giftings do you want to share with me Lord? Next, write that down what you just heard.