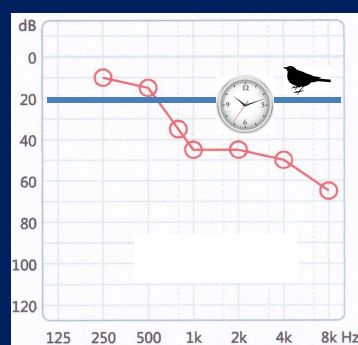
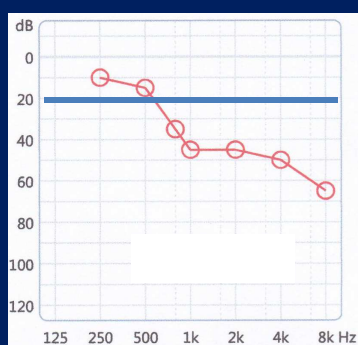
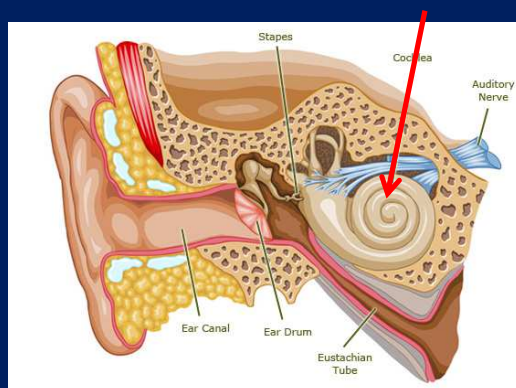
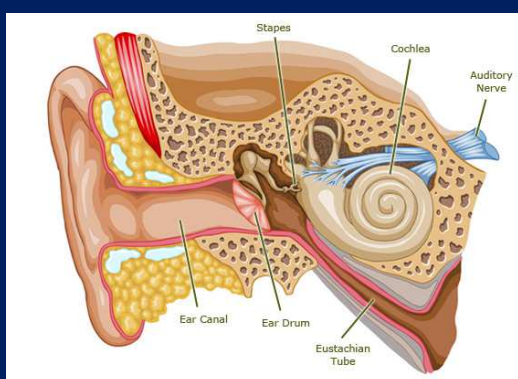
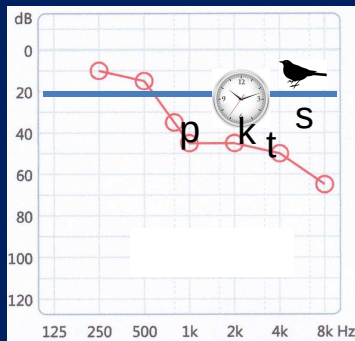


“Obedient listening”





High frequencies are lost

"Noise" swamps the signal

We can't discern what we need

Discernment is a big part of listening

We can choose not to hear ...



If I really hear you then I'll have to
do something about it

"Obedient listening"

Listening to each other

Listening to God

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"being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind" Phil 2:2

"in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others" Phil 2:3,4

Listening to each other



We are not clones!

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How can I know what you are thinking and feeling if I don't listen to you?

If I know what you are thinking and feeling then I might be able to do something to help

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In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle;

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he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' John 2:14-16

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Our anger is driven by our feelings

What if we got angry because God is angry?

"I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me."
John 5:30

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*There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:
haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. Proverbs 6:16-19*

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"I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." John 6:38

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Phil 2:8

How can we do God's will if we don't listen to Him?

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The "world" in Scripture is that part of humanity that has rejected God.

So why "listen to the world"?

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17

The world is perishing without Jesus

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"The Son of Man came to find and restore the lost." Luke 19:10 MSG



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How will we know how to help unless:

We listen to them?

Understand what they are saying?

Earn the right to speak?

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