

Feedback

Feedback is when a microphone is sending audio signals from the speakers. They end up being too close together and it makes an annoying high pitch noise that makes everyone within hearing distance, cringe.

The problem with feedback is not the main speakers and monitors fault, though. They don't move, for they are stationary objects. The problem is the microphone and the person holding it.

God is like the main speakers and you are like the microphone being held by the person. There is a sweet spot for both that enables the sound to come through crystal clear. But move out of that sweet spot and the feedback makes communication very difficult. If you are having trouble hearing from God clearly, God didn't move, you did.

There was this man who had a good life, everything was going right and he considered himself very blessed for he lived in a sweet spot with God. One day, God told him to go and tell his hated enemies that God was going to destroy them if they didn't turn from their evil ways. The man thought it was a great idea for his enemies to get just what they deserved, so he decided to not do what God said and went the opposite way.

While out on a ship, a massive tsunami hit the ocean and the sailors were fearful for their lives. The man realized that it must be God and told the men that if they throw him overboard, the tsunami would cease. The men did so and immediately the storm stopped. The sailors went to retrieve the man, but right before they did, a gigantic fish emerged and swallowed the man whole!

The man spent 3 days and 3 nights in the stomach of the fish without being digested. There, in the darkness, he realized his mistake of moving away from the sweet spot with God. He asked God for forgiveness and God caused the fish to vomit the man out on to the shore, right near the city where his hated enemies lived. How convenient of God!

So the man did as God had originally told him and went and shared with the people that if they didn't seek God's forgiveness for their evil ways and turn away from them, God would destroy them. The Holy Spirit fell upon the people and they immediately sought God and turn toward him. As a result, an entire nation was saved. (Jonah 1-4)

Have you found that sweet spot with God?

Are you experiencing feedback in your relationship with God?

What's preventing you from hearing God more clearly?

Where do you need to seek God out and turn toward Him so you can be saved?

Recorders

Some of you are operating portable audio recording devices. The #1 reason recordings fail? On the device, there is a memory card that holds up to 3 equipping session talks. For all the things that could make a recording fail, like batteries not replaced, volume set incorrectly, speaker malfunction, etc. usually the fault lies in the memory card.

The design of the memory card was never to hold the recordings forever, only to transfer what was recorded to a more permanent place. Simply put, the memory card fills up and the card fails.

There are things in our lives that we were never designed to hold onto: bitterness, resentment, unforgiveness, hurt, past mistakes, hatred, and anger. We purposely reformat the memory card as quickly as possible after a recording so it will be ready for the next recording. In our walk with God, we call this grace.

Read Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

What have you been holding on to that you need to give to God to let Him deal with for you?

Where are you needing to experience His grace so you can be ready to be filled up with what He has for you?

Take some time to talk to Him and let go and receive His grace.

Resolution

What makes an image pop on a screen is unbelievable resolution coming through the computer to the cords, from the cords to the switcher, from the switcher all the way to eventually the projector. As you look at events, the video quality on the projector is amazing, cause no where did we lower the quality of the resolution.

Resolution is like spiritual depth, you don't appreciate it til you see the difference between having good resolution or bad; til you see it in one person and don't see it in another. If you've never experienced it, you'll never miss it til it's too late. However, if you have experienced it, you can never settle for lower quality again. It ruins you for excellence.

This is why Jesus can never leave us where we are at; He knows the resolution we are supposed to be and will stop at nothing to make sure that is exactly where we become.

On a hot dusty road, there was this man and his team, on their way to a village to arrest a group of people that the man considered a threat to the very existence he considered elite. This man was very racist and never tried to hide his disgust and hate for anyone that lived differently then he did. While on the road, a blinding light hit the group and the man fell off his horse, unable to see even his hand in front of his face. He suddenly heard a voice through the light calling his name.

Who in the world knew his name and could produce such a light?

The voice asked the man why he was doing these things to these people? Because by doing it to them, the man was also doing it to him too. The man didn't understand, but quickly discovered that he was now officially blind. He was led to the village and given a room to stay in until he healed. During his days there, from being blinded, he had time to reflect on the state of his life and how evil his heart had become. Upon this revelation, he sought God's forgiveness and he was healed.

From that point, through the witness of others' that God had directed to him, he was instructed to grow and become what God had always meant for him to be. Not a racist bigot seeking destruction, but a bold voice sharing the love of God, bringing life. And he never went back. (Acts 9)

How's your resolution with God? Is it pixelated? Slightly off?

What's the quality like?

Have you experienced the resolution that God desires for your life?

If not, why not? What's holding you back?

Camera

For many of you, you've never operated a professional camera that you see here at events. To be a good camera person, there is only one simple rule: Follow your subject exactly.

When they move, you move with them. When they stop, you stop with them, while all this is happening, keeping the subject eye level in the exact same spot.

So many times as Christians, we want to do it our way. God says, however, "Follow Me", go where He is, where He tells you to go, and don't go where He is not.

Being a camera person is like being a disciple, that you will learn how to follow the subjects movement is as natural as breathing. We call this process discipleship.

For many people when given an audience, they want to be considered the most important to listen to and be honored, but not for the man called The Voice in the Wilderness. True, he had people's undivided attention, but not about himself. His message was all about another. One who was to come. He lived a life of simplicity, many would consider homeless, but he considered flexible enough to move where he needed to go and share the message of the One who was to come. As The Voice in the Wilderness, he had the opportunity to see many turn from their evil ways and turn to God. While sharing this incredible message, the One who was to come, arrived. The Voice in the Wilderness immediately focused in on Him and declared who he was to the multitudes. His statement?

"He must increase as I must decrease."

Never was there a better focus then this man, who had the attention of thousands and yet focused them all onto the One who could transform their lives. (Matthew 3:1-15; John 3:22-30)

What kind of camera person are you for God?

If someone were watching what you were recording, would they see Jesus or something else?

Is your life with Him every step of the way? Or do you try to go your own way?

Can you say, "He must increase as I must decrease"?

Sync Up

For some of you, you're experiencing using ProPresenter with an iPad. Without using cords, you touch a screen and words appear on the screen down in front of the audience. For this to happen, a person must buy a program on the iPad and sync it up with the operating computer. For it to sync and run ProPresenter, you must have a user name and password that gives permission to override what the computer is doing from the iPad.

There was this guy that had 10 older brothers. He and his baby brother were the favorites and most spoiled by their dad. For this reason, a good reason, his older brothers hated him. However, he didn't help matters when he'd have dreams about being a great ruler and all of them would be his servants, bowing down to him. Can you imagine if your brother or sister said that to you?

After several times of this, the brothers got together and decided something had to be done. They collaborated and came up with a plan to beat him up, throw him in a deep ditch, and when the first travelling caravan came by, they would sell their brother to them as a slave; and to hide this from their dad, they would make it look like he'd been killed by a wild animal.

The plan succeeded and the younger brother became a slave in Egypt. He was sold to a rich man, with whom he quickly became the favorite slave and the slave manager. However, the master's wife had the hots for the slave and tried to seduce him. The slave refused and she framed him for rape, getting him arrested and thrown in jail.

After arriving in jail, he quickly became the favorite prisoner of the jailer and his right hand man. After a few years of favor, one of the former prisoners alerted the Pharaoh of this prisoner who had a special gift the Pharaoh could benefit from. The Pharaoh called for the young man and discovered that he could interpret his dreams, which no one else could do. The ruler made him the 2nd in command in the kingdom, subject only to the Pharaoh himself.

This young man, could've taken matters into his own hands, which would be reasonable considering all of his circumstances. However, he subjected himself, time after time, to what God was doing in his life, even though he didn't understand, and the eventual result was far grander than anything he could've dreamed of. (Genesis 37-50)

Is your life so in sync that God has full control?

Or do you try to override His Word with what you want instead?

Why be synced, if you're not wanting Him to be Lord of your life?

Wireless frequency

There's two parts of a wireless system: receivers and transmitters. Receivers are by the sound board and transmitters are the microphones. They have to be on the exact same frequency to work; to not have static or anything to mess up the sound quality. As you serve, it's so easy to allow little things into our lives, small compromises, and subtle excuses to cause our frequency with God to be slightly off. **It's a key way that our enemy, Satan, works on destroying our lives, our effectiveness as Christians, and our witness to others.**

There was this king that was good and powerful and very respected and loved by all of his kingdom. He was a mighty warrior, a wise ruler, and a man after God's own heart. However, over time, he began to grow lazy; he figured that since he was king, he could pretty much do what he wanted.

One day, his army left for battle and he decided to not go with them this time. He wanted to stay home and relax, he knew his men could handle it just fine. That evening, while out on his balcony, he happened to see a beautiful woman bathing on her balcony. He ordered his servants to go and escort the woman to him and upon meeting her, they ended up spending the night together and slept together. She was married and so was he, to other people.

A few weeks later, she sent word that she was pregnant with his child. She knew this to be true because she had not seen her husband for months since he was one of the kings' most trusted fighting warriors and had been on the battle field.

The king grew very nervous of people finding out and so he sent for the woman's husband, praising him for all his bravery and accomplishments, and wanted to honor him by allowing him to go spend a few nights with his beautiful wife who had missed him very much.

The soldier respectfully thanked the king, but turned down the honor in regard of his fellow soldiers who did not have such an opportunity and were sleeping on the cold ground miles away. The soldier then proceeded to sleep outside the kings gates until permitted to return to battle.

The king grew furious and so sent the soldier back with a note to his commanding officer that he was to be put on the front line and when the battle grew intense, the rest of the line was to fall back, therefore killing the soldier.

The king and the wife of the fallen soldier received word that the soldier had fallen and dutifully spent time in mourning. When the appropriate time had passed, the king brought the woman to his palace where she delivered their son. The baby was born very sickly and grew sicker with each passing day. The king, who had once been very close with God, pleaded for God to heal his son.

At that time, a very close friend of the king came to him. The king welcomed his friend and inquired on his presence there. The friend told the king of a situation he needed his advice on.

“A poor farmer had a beloved lamb. This lamb was more than an animal to him, more like a son. He loved this lamb very much. His next door neighbor was very wealthy and had many sheep. He was wanting to throw a huge party and wanted the very best lamb to serve his guests. Instead of using one of his many lambs, he took the lamb of the poor farmer and served it to his guests. How should we handle this situation?”

The king grew enraged! How dare someone treat this farmer with such disrespect! The king ordered the name of the neighbor so he could be dealt with efficiently. The friend told the king that the neighbor was the king! And the poor farmer was the soldier he'd had killed.

The king was stunned! In that moment he realized how far away from God he had become. He had let his pride, his ego, and other small things creep into his life and slowly separate him from God. And then he compromised. The king repented before God, but not without suffering the consequences of losing his first son to death. (2 Samuel 11)

What areas of your life have you found yourself compromising and allowing little things to creep in?

To keep on track with God, we need to be on the exact same frequency with Him! How's your frequency?

