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## Ears to See

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Have you ever “seen” something with your ears that you could not see with your eyes? I’m sure you have, especially when it comes to “seeing” into a person’s life.

Last week I met with a group of guys for 3 days in the Colorado Rockies. These were men who I’ve battled along side of for the heart and calling of many men and women over the years. We gathered together to simply share what God has been teaching us, and to offer to each other the things that God has been training us to walk in.

In the beginning of our time together, we shared what we believe and understand our calling to be at this moment. In other words, what we are currently compelled to offer or do; what is the “weightiness”, the brilliance, the splendor of our life.

One man said he believes his life is about restoring dignity to other men through the validation of listening to their story and then helping them navigate back on course. He described how he related at a deep heart level to Jim Lovell in Apollo 13; who because of a critically damaged ship, abandoned his mission of landing on the moon to save the lives of his crew instead.

Another man said that he believes he is a protector of the underdog – helping them to stand and keep standing, to fight and keep fighting, to face their enemy, their difficulties. He wants to help restore true core beliefs in a person’s heart.

Yet another man said that he believes he is a physician of the soul – the soul of a person or a group of people called an organization or corporation. He explained that he loves to get to the level of systems, organs, skeletal structure, and tissue in order to see where the hindrance to health and growth is.

The next question we explored was something like, “What has God shown you through scripture, mentors, formal instruction and training, and life experience, about helping others walk with God and walk in their calling?” What came out of each man’s heart was gold. Here are just a few things they mentioned:

- We must be honest with our self and others and invite them into honesty. Honesty uncovers, discovers and releases.
- A man or woman needs to hear from God.
- Instead of trying to “come through”, “stay in.”
- We must not project our dreams, brokenness and story into another person’s life. Many people are (falsely) who they are today because of what others have told them they should be.
- Give a person permission and encouragement to run with their wild calling and our wild God.
- Identity as the beloved son / daughter is the core issue – it will settle many other issues and insecurities in our lives.
- Continually bring a person back to their desire and dignity.
- A person’s glory can express itself through the flesh or the spirit – we must learn to identify the source of our actions.

After this conversation, we asked God the next question: “Where would you like for us to go next?” After a time of silent listening, we shared what we heard. After sharing, we prayed for more clarity and then shared again what we heard. When it was all said and done, we unanimously sensed that God wanted us to individually ask Him what His desires were for us, and what obstacles we might face. I won’t share any of the particulars from that sharing time, but it was remarkable how aligned each person’s calling was to what they thought were the most profound life lessons, to God’s desires for them and to the obstacles they would face.

Through the 3 days, I saw these men’s life and calling much more clearly through my “hearing”.

I want to encourage you to try this with several people who understand the heart, understand how to see with their “hearing” and who know how to listen to God. You could share this way over several evenings or several days. Our time together was truly remarkable and clarifying – it was truly community.

We all possess gold – more than we know. Let’s help each other find it.

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