

A Word to live by...

Do you know that the prophet Shmu'el heard God's voice when he was just a CHILD, like you?

It was very RARE for anyone back then to hear the voice of God. Because there was so much sin in the world, people stopped listening for Him.

But, this young kid was CONSECRATED to the Lord from birth and when he prayed, God answered and changed the world in Shmu'el's day.

When Shmu'el heard God, his rabbi taught him to say... CHECK OUT THE 🍎

Talking to God and God talking to you is called PRAYER. Start listening for God's voice in the Torah, in prayer, even in poetry, or music or just the counsel provided by parents, teachers and Godly friends...

Every amazing thing that has ever happened between God and His people started when just one person agreed to start listening to God...

START talking with God more, and start listening, too.

Be ready with a Word...

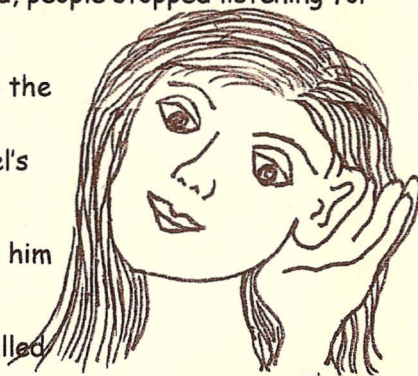
(So, next time you think you may hear God calling YOU for a private chat, saying....)

"(Your name here) _____
I want to talk to you"

Answer Him, saying...

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

(Then pray with your parents for understanding)



"SPEAK LORD, for your
servant is listening"

1 Shmuel 3:10b CJB

Parshat Yitro - "Jethro"

Learn to Listen to God

A Word from the Torah...

The God of Israel has been slowly GUIDING them through the desert, PROVIDING food and water along the way... The Israelites are trying to live as a FREE community. They are looking to Moshe to guide them in God's ways.

But what are God's ways?

They are just getting to know this God of theirs, what does He WANT of them?

God wants to covenant with them. To covenant means to make an AGREEMENT to walk together in a committed relationship. It's kind of like a marriage.

God wants them to LOVE and obey Him so He can love and bless them in return. He wants them to RETURN His love for His creation. God said to Moshe... CHECK OUT THE 🍎

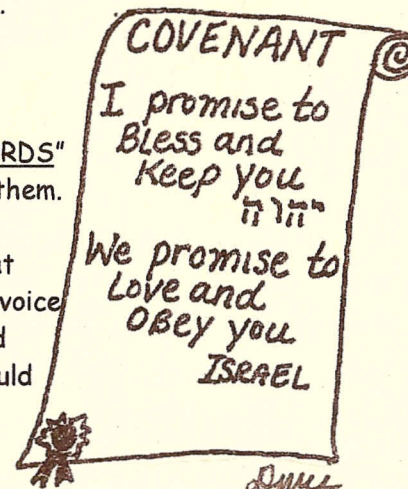
Then, God himself talked OUT LOUD to the Israelites telling them the "TEN WORDS" of the covenant he wanted to make with them.

God's voice was so awesome, so scary, that the people were too afraid to hear God's voice themselves again. They said they trusted Mosheto talk to Him instead and they would LISTEN



"See, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will be able to HEAR when I speak with you and also to trust in you, forever."

Exodus 19:9 CJB



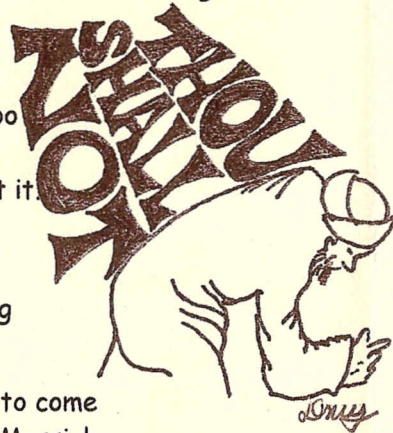
COVENANT
I promise to
Bless and
Keep you
יהוה

We promise to
Love and
Obey you
ISRAEL

Hmmm, now think about this...

Can you imagine being in a place with all your friends and hearing God speak to you all together out loud?

What would you want to hear Him say? What would you be nervous about Him saying? Is it too scary to hear Him say "You shall not..." or "I command you to..." That's a lot of pressure, isn't it?



A Word from Yeshua...

Maybe that's why the Israelites picked listening to Moshe's voice instead of God's.

Did you ever think that Yeshua might have had to come for the same reason? We needed to see God's Messiah in person to hear what God wanted to say to us.

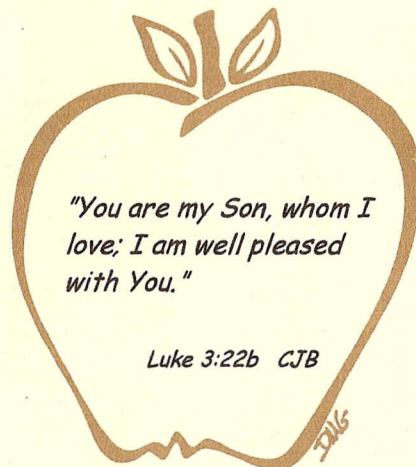
Isn't it INTERESTING that God did exactly the same thing with Yeshua that He did with Moshe earlier in this week's lesson? When Yeshua was immersed, God opened the heavens and spoke out loud again, saying...
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Why did God call the Messiah, call Himself, His own son? Because God's son only teaches what His FATHER taught Him. Yeshua only TAUGHT the fulfillment of God's Torah, not a new thing!

But more importantly, Yeshua's coming fulfilled the promises in the Torah that the redeemer would come.



Yeshua paid the price for us.
Now, we *can* hear God's voice OURSELVES!



Yitro - Learn to Listen to God

Mystery Word Find

Instructions:

1. Using the underline words
2. Figure out which of the underline words are missing from the puzzle
3. Show it to your teacher and get a reward

O	L	C	V	G	N	I	D	I	V	O	R	P
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Y	A	S	U	L	N	W	R	L	R	C	N	R
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The Mystery Word is: _____

Name: _____