



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

**-We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him
Known!**

- **Did you spend 5 minutes a day at least 5 days last week reading the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Did you spend some time alone with God this week?**
- **Are you hearing what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**

After reading this
sentence, you'll
realize
that the the brain
doesn't notice a
second "the"

- Sometimes we read what we think we see...
- Sometimes we hear what we want to hear... or don't
- Sometimes we make up our mind and decide our response before we even know the full context!
- When we are talking about hearing God it is an important thing that we know that we are hearing/reading & understanding what He is saying!
- Many people have been misled by not hearing/seeing things that are obviously out of place but have looked past or simply dulled their hearing! *(Tree light flashing)*

Mark 4

21 Then Jesus asked them, “Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine. 22 For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light. 23 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.” 24 Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you

will receive even more. 25 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”

- Are you listening?... not simply nodding your head.. Not simply saying yes or amen... but are you listening?
- God is leading us to truth and He is leading us away from error BUT... if we don't listen or see the warnings – we push past & suffer the consequences!

- Let's stop & do an exercise together: Remember the last wrong thing you did?
- Before you did it... Didn't you have a light go off or a sense saying "don't do this!"
- We must be careful that our hearing doesn't become dulled to the point that the voice of God is just white noise in the background of our chaotic lives!

Hebrews 5:11 There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen.

- Over & over in the Scriptures we are reading an expectation for us to be hearing, understanding, and maturing in our faith!!
- If you aren't growing in your faith (Your understanding of God – your relationship with God – your purpose of existence being in God) than you need to re-assess your spiritual life!!
- I'm not trying to talk you out of your faith... I shouldn't be able too!! But I want you to know the faith you have is truly from God and not the deceiver!

2 Corinthians 3 12 Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. 14 But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. 15 Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.

- When they hear the O.T. Law their hearts are hardened toward Jesus Christ and they will not hear and understand the plan of salvation God has for us all!!
- Have you hardened your heart to God's Truth in that-when you hear it - you resist it and go back to what you were taught and thought you believed?
- The only way the veil of miss understanding can be removed is in Jesus Christ!

2 Corinthians 3 16 But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

- The removal of the veil (False Truth) and the understanding of the Salvation plan for ALL humanity is God's Plan!
- We then mature and grow into Christlikeness!!

Action Steps – Life Application

- What has God been speaking to you? What is He calling you too today?
- Have you had your heart veiled from the Truth of Jesus Christ?
- Will you surrender your veil and come to Christ today?
- Are you walking in the Truth and reflecting Christ more and more as God is changing you?