**Titus Women’s Discipleship Summit**

**30 Days of Devotions**

***“Abide in Me and I in You ... the Key John 15:4*.”**

Day 17

*“Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.****12****And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.****13****When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.* 1 Kings 19:11-13 (NLT)

God said to Elijah, “*Go out and stand before Me*.” As Elijah stood inside the cave, a windstorm hit the mountain, so violently that rocks were torn away. After the windstorm, came an earthquake, and then fire. Then there was a different sound, one that was quiet and gentle, upon hearing it Elijah went out with his face covered and stood before God, at the entrance of the cave. Elijah recognized the gentle whisper as God’s voice.

The world in which we live can get very loud. If we are to recognize God’s voice, as Elijah did, we must spend time with Him. Elijah was able to recognize His voice because they had an intimate abiding relationship. Two of the many ways we hear God’s voice is through prayer and scripture. When God speaks, He is not intrusive, He goes and stays longest where He is most welcomed, and He frequents those who are expecting Him.

I believe God is an artist, and He speaks to us in His elaborate murals across the morning and evening skies. I’m sure He’s a gardener, who shares His love for wild daisy’s and dandelions with little boys and girls. If we listen close enough, we can hear His voice in the laughter of those we love.

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. He says His sheep know His voice and will come to Him. When He calls the sheep by name, they will follow Him because they know His voice. The sheep will not follow a stranger because they do not know his voice. **1**

By knowing God’s voice, we will be able to distinguish the voice of the enemy, who is out to kill, steal, and destroy. When we live surrendered to Jesus, we live in freedom, being a branch, attached to the Vine. We can do none of this on our own, it only through the strength of Christ in us and us in Him.

Prayer

Father, I am grateful that You still speak to us today! Forgive me when I allow the people and things of this world to crowd my heart and mind, that I don’t hear You clearly. Oh, will You speak Your peace into frightened hearts, will You help us to think clearly amid the noise and chaos that we are being bombarded with. Lord I know many people feel as though their lives are turned upside down, perhaps many feel that way. We know that You are on Your throne and You can be trusted to hold each one of us today. I surrender all that I am, to all of You today.

In Jesus Name, Amen

As your time allows read Psalm 46 below or in a translation of your choice. Also, you might want to read it in more than one translation.

Is God speaking to you in this Psalm?

Psalm 46

***1****God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.****2****So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.****3****Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! Interlude*

***4****A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High.****5****God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed. From the very break of day, God will protect it.****6****The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God’s voice thunders, and the earth melts!****7****The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress. Interlude*

***8****Come, see the glorious works of the Lord: See how he brings destruction upon the world.****9****He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire.*

***10****“Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.”*

***11****The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.*

Psalm 46(NLT)