



## Hearing 5

**Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group:** To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

**Key Theme:** Hearing.

**Key Truth:** We hear to Receive, not to understand.

**Read:** Hearing to receive the Word of God in our spirit first, rather than hearing to understand in the mind first, is a completely opposite and back to front position to the wisdom of man. Man always attempts to gain understanding in his mind first but a man or woman of the Spirit, knows this isn't the operating system of Heaven.

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** *For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.*

This verse clearly defines the way of the kingdom of God when it comes to being changed and transformed by the Word of God in our inner most being, bringing us into participating in the divine nature of God.

Let's look at the divine pattern and order of which Paul writes.

1. Receive the Word
2. Which you heard
3. You accepted it
4. As the Word of God not men
5. This Word performed a work in you
6. Who believed

This is a divine sequencing pattern or order of how God's Living Word goes to work in us and builds us as His church.

Let's look at 1 Thessalonians 2:14 and see the outcome of this Word performing its work through the receiving of it.

**1 Thessalonians 2:14** *For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews,*

Our ability to be an imitator or the reflection of God is based on our ability to receive the Word which we hear by the Spirit. We can try and copy or duplicate the outward acts but we can't produce Christ's life in us, which enables us to truly be an imitator of God.

The Spirit reveals this Word within us which we accept and it performs its work in us because we are fully convinced (believe) of the Word we heard and received.

This is how Jesus builds His church and all those who are built this way receive the life that Jesus promises them and are overcomers of the world, the flesh and the adversary.

### Questions:

1. What stood out the most for you from what you just heard?
2. Why is it essential we don't attempt to come into life any other way?

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3. How much of our lives are being influenced and determined by this spiritual blueprint?
4. When one is being built in accordance to this spiritual blueprint what is one able to demonstrate and live out?

**Action point:** What is one thing you may need to put in place from going through this resource?