

OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DEAFNESS



Ears to Hear
May Sermon Series

Foundation Scripture:

Mark 4:9

And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

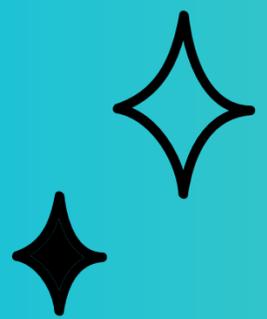




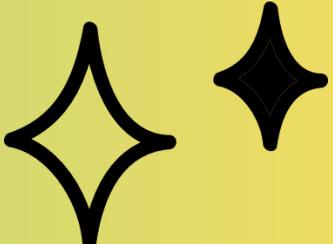
Scripture Lesson

Mark 7:32-35





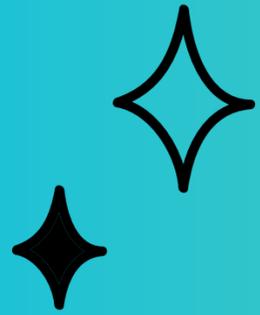
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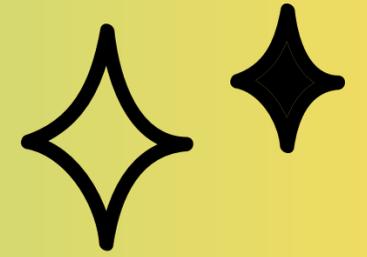
A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to Him, and the people begged Jesus to lay His hands on the man to heal him. Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put His fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on His own fingers, He touched the man's tongue. Looking up to heaven, He signed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly."

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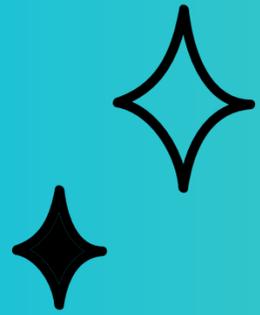




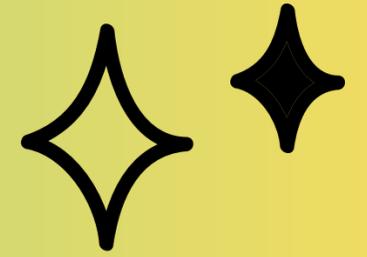
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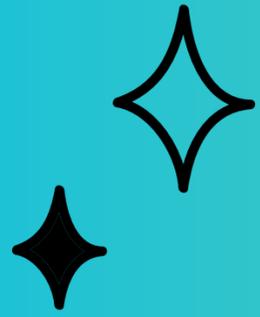
Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered
the heart of man the things which God has
prepared for those who love Him.



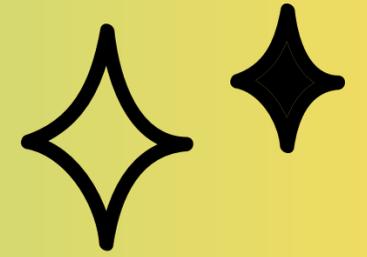
1 Corinthians 2:10



But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.
For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep
things of God.



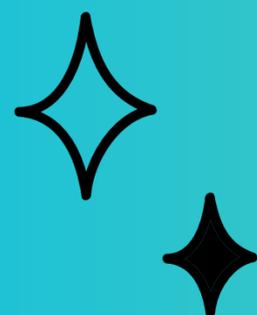
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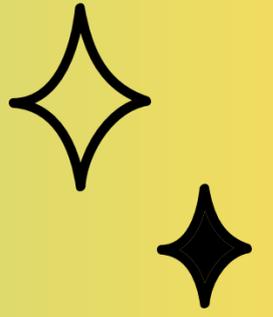
Concerning Him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.



**Dull means laziness,
slothful, or hard of hearing.**



Spiritual hearing loss is self-



inflicted and can be life-

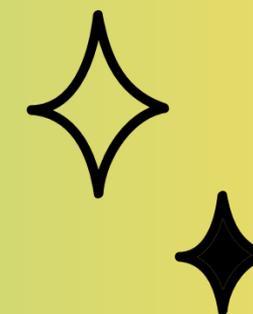
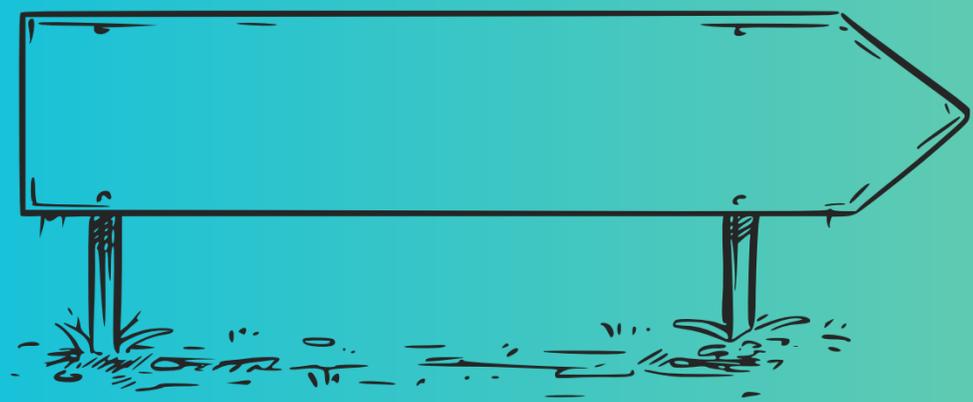
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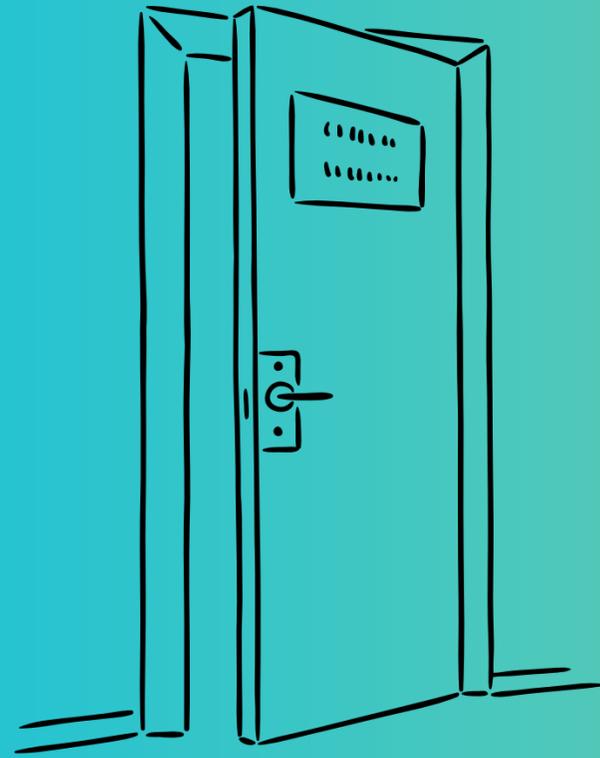
every word that proceeds from the

mouth of God."

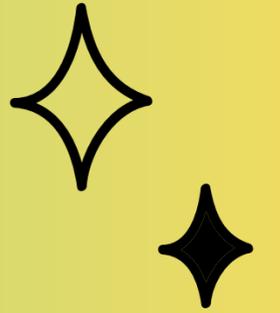


Fear of empty space



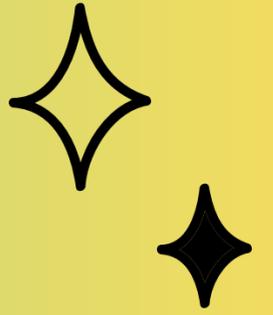


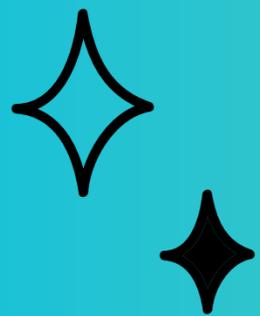
Openness Cures Deafness





Hearing and deafness are
not determined by our ears,
but by what's in our heart.

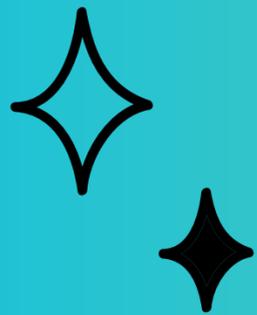


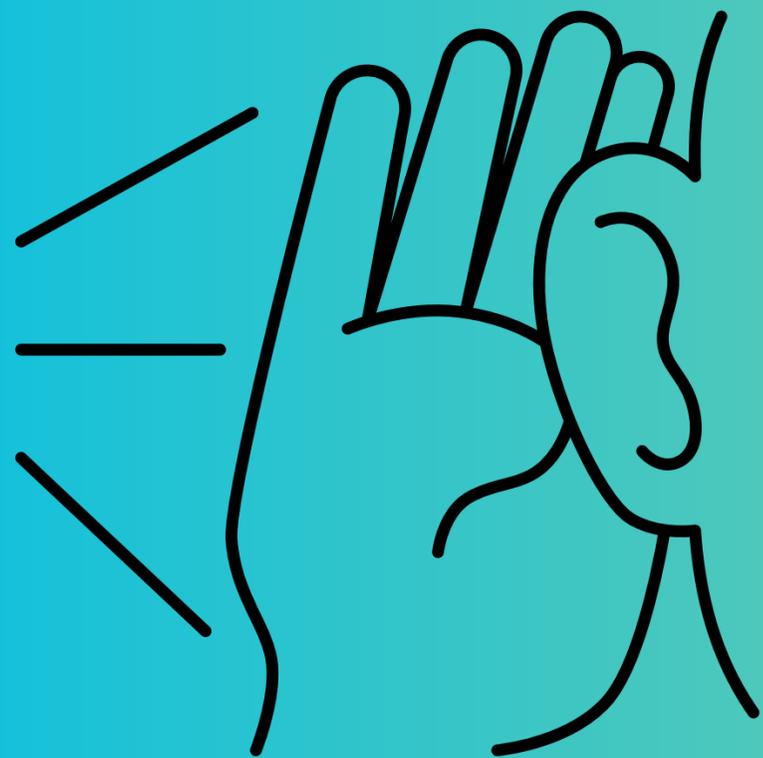


Spiritual deafness is ego
centered.

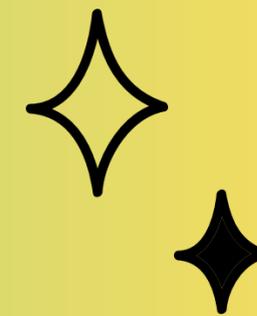


Hearing follows openness.

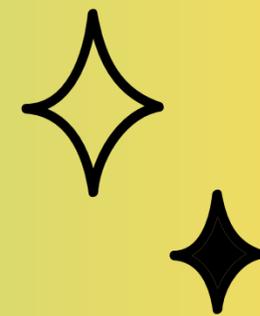


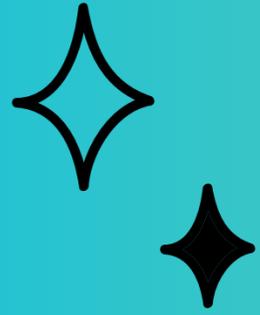


1. Do you have spiritual hearing loss?
2. Do you have trouble hearing God?



How to Respond to Spiritual Deafness:



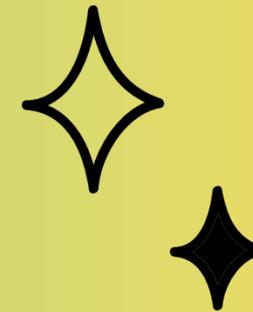


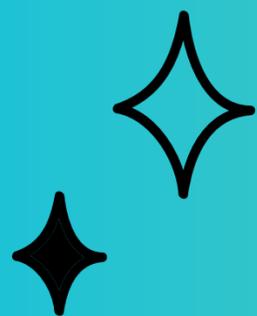
1. Choose To Hear



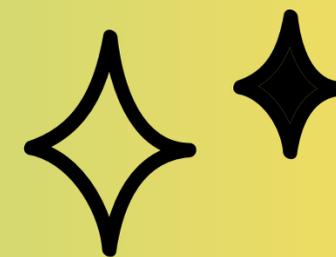


2. Go To The Voice



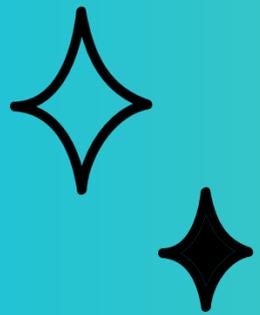


Mark 1:35



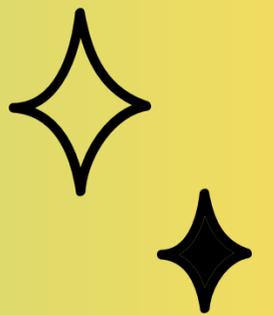
Very early in the morning, while it was still dark,
Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a
solitary place, where He prayed.

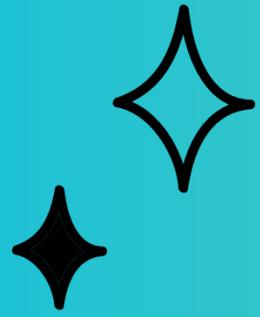
3. Master the Text



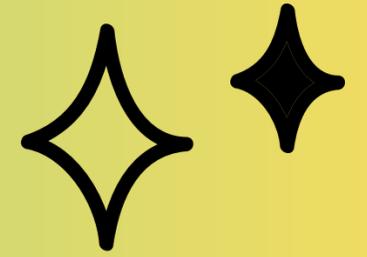


Christians who choose not
to master the text are
simply choosing not to hear.

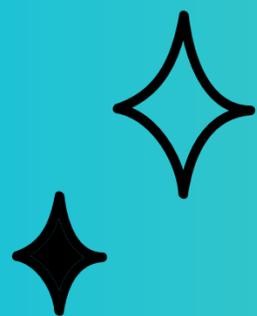




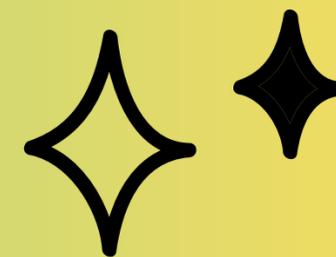
Jeremiah 29:13



You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me
with all your heart.



Isaiah 55:3



"Open your ears, and come to Me! Listen so that you may live! I will make an everlasting promise to you—the blessing I promised to David."

THANK YOU

