

# Listen to the Right Voice

Too often we've listened to what others have said about us and judged ourselves according to their words. This has caused emotional damage, woundedness and great pain. Some of those words that were spoken when we were young have haunted us all our lives. As adults, we may have learnt not to take what others say to heart, but we aren't always vigilant in doing that, and we are still vulnerable. Most of us, however, may still be under the control of what others say about us, because we don't know who we really are.

Too often we have listened to the voice inside our minds and agreed with it. Many times we have let these thoughts destroy us and our prospects. Even now, we may not have learnt that those 'voices' are the method the Accuser uses to keep us ineffective for our King.

With the understanding now that we're sons and that our identity is in our sonship, nowhere else, are we still listening to others? Are we still assessing ourselves by what others say about us?

As a son, our Father and our Beloved are the only ones who we should trust in relation to how we are to see ourselves. We should not listen to others or our minds – FULL STOP. We can listen to other's advice, but we always assess it with our spirit, because that's where truth is found. We can listen to other's opinions of us and our performances, but they should be used to re-evaluate ourselves, not to be the cause of condemnation.

We must learn to listen to the right voices. That's part of being a son.

Here's Father's instruction to only listen to him:

*"Discard past mistakes and poor judgements. It is time to be renewed and not reviewed. Look forward and not backwards. Let My voice be the one you hear instead of the voice of failure and condemnation. Onward and upward!"*<sup>1</sup>

He doesn't wound us. Instead, he establishes our identity:

*"I have not rejected you. When others cast you aside and wounded you, I draw you close. I long for you to understand who you are and how I see you. Your worth is not defined by the words of others. When those of seeming importance spat at me, called me names, and crucified me, my identity did not change. Your identity is not established on anyone's opinion of you. It is rooted in my truth."*<sup>2</sup>

He sees the greatness in us, not our failures:

*"I see within you the capacity for greatness—not the greatness that is necessarily admired and applauded by others, but the true importance and dignity that comes from heaven. Seek to walk in the honor, compassion, and integrity that reminds you who you are in me. Aim to please me, simply because I love you, and peace will replace tears when you lay your head to rest at night."*<sup>3</sup>

He sees us as his beautiful 'gems':

*"You are a vessel of my glory. You are beautiful...You are my treasure. You are wanted. And nothing—absolutely nothing—can separate you from my love."*<sup>4</sup>

Why would we take to heart what any other voice says?

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