Hearing God in Imaging Prayer

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 Dr. Christine (Chris) Taylor has her Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spiritual Formation and her M.A. in Biblical Studies.

 She knows that God speaks to His people ALL THE TIME. The Bible, prayer, nature, other people, circumstances...
and visions. Yes, visions.

Agenda



- 7 Questions & Answers
- Imaging Experience
- Interpretation
- Your Questions
- Go Deeper

If You're Praying for Answers and Not Hearing Any, Stop

WHAT??!!

Yep. Stop. Here's why.

The Questions God Wants to Answer.

- How can I seek You?
- How can I get closer to You?
- How can I become more like Christ?
- What do You want me to do?

And the really big one...

LORD, WHAT DO <u>YOU</u> WANT FOR ME?

7 Questions about Imaging Prayer

- 1. What is it? (The Holy Spirit's direct guidance)
- 2. Guidance like business clarity? Woo hoo! (Not yet.)
- 3. Is it New Age? (Nope.)
- 4. Is it like visualization or guided prayer? (One big difference)
- 5. What does imaging prayer do? (Cuts to the heart of what God knows you need)
- 6. What if I try imaging prayer and nothing happens?! (That's extremely rare)
- 7. How do I do imaging prayer? (I'll show you now)

The Power and Beauty of Christian Imaging Prayer



- Biblical background: Visions, word, & dreams
 - The prophets (Elijah, Isaiah)
 - The kings (David, Solomon)
 - The judges (Deborah)
 - And the ordinary people to whom God tells extraordinary things (Ananias)
- Peter speaking in Acts 2:17, quoting Joel 2:28,
 - In the last days, God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

Start with a Still Image

Biblical?



Nature?



Do I HAVE to have an image? NO!

If you have trouble with your imagination, because nothing is coming or it's hard to imagine things:

There are two types of the Prayer of Silence:

- 1. The prayer of silence using the sanctified imagination
- 2. The prayer of silence using the quiet of the mind

Imaging Prayer & Interpretation

(Turn off the recording)

Go into silence. I'll be praying for you. As you finish, stay in silence and jot down what you experienced. When the last person is done, we'll pray and interpret for 1 or 2 people; more if we have time.

Hearing the Lord Every Day

First, seek the Lord Himself...

- Study the Bible
- Meditate on the Bible
- Pray praise & thanksgiving, confession, petition & intercession
- Be active in a faith community

... then receive clarity

- Faith replaces stress & anxiety
- The prayer channels between you and the Lord run strong & clear
- Relax into the Lord and rest in His loving Presence
- Still don't have clarity? Oh well! Ask Him to give it to you whenever He's ready, and drop it.
- Believe me, He'll give you clarity in the best possible way and best possible time! Hallelujah!

Q & A

Start the adventure. Hear directly from the Holy Spirit.

"Lord, Light My Path"

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