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*"The Word of
God is always
the foundation
on which we
stand."*

Wherefore,
my beloved
brethren, let
every man be
swift to hear,
slow to
speak, slow
to wrath.

James 1:19

Quick to Hear

AN EXCERPT FROM BECKY'S NEWEST TAPE SERIES - *A LISTENING HEART* :

Where does faith begin? It begins with your knowledge, with your hearing of the Word of God. It begins by what you know. There is no faith apart from knowledge. You can't have faith in something that you don't know or haven't seen and don't understand.

We were once invited to a pioneer day celebration in another city. They had some wonderful old equipment on display. I'm not a technical person so it didn't make any sense to me in spite of the explanation. The explanation was totally lost on me, so I couldn't run those machines. I have no knowledge, no understanding. If you have no knowledge and no understanding, then some things are lost to you. You just have to expect somebody to give you a gift and to come along and do it for you. I'm for that if it works for you, but it won't work in the scripture. It might work in your yard or in your house, but it won't work in the scripture. You have to do some things for yourself. Your pastor can't do everything for you, neither can your best friend or a person that you revere. You're going to have to have some knowledge. You're going to have to have some understanding.

The good news is that you don't have to know the scripture from Genesis through Revelation. When I was born again John 3:16 was all I knew. I didn't know I was going to have eternal life. I didn't know eternal life was the nature of God. I didn't know I was going to be a new creature. I didn't know old things are going to pass away. I knew God loved me and I was a sinner and I needed Him. But you have to have some knowledge, some basis on which to stand in faith. The Word of God is always the foundation on which we stand.

Notice in James 1:19 that hearing comes before speaking. Sometimes we're quick to speak, but very slow to hear. And again in Romans 10:17 it states - *Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* Where does faith begin? How are you going to gain knowledge? How are you going to know more? You're going to hear what God is saying.

The audio cassette series "A Listening Heart" from which this excerpt is taken can be purchased by sending \$15.00 to the address below. We will send it to you postage paid.

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On The Web

We feel it is very important to stay connected with you, our supporters, and the internet has become a great way for us to share what is happening. Following Becky and Wayne's recent ministry trip, we added photographs and also videos so that you can participate visually in what God is doing in Moscow, Russia. We will continue to post more of this nature as time progresses.

One of the most exciting uses of the website is your ability to listen to sound clips from each of our audio series as well as a selection of single messages. To better enhance your experience, we have now compiled a listing of our messages by subject. Some of the subject topics are Anointing and Power, Faith and Hope, Freedom, Grace, and Healing. We felt that listing our message by topics would help you better navigate. Some of my personal favorites are single messages.

If you have any suggestions as to items we could change or add, then drop us a line at combe@verizon.net!

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