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DAY 01

GOD PROMISES TO HEAR YOU

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KEY SCRIPTURE

1 JOHN 5:14 NIV

Today's promise: "...if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

You know when someone isn't listening to you. It's obvious in the blank look on their face. I've been on many Zoom meetings where someone looked like they were staring at the screen but they were obviously not present. I regularly will say good morning to someone only to have them respond "I'm good. How are you?" Sometimes I politely tell them that I hadn't asked that question yet. Sadly, it is often our families that get the worst of us. They know when we haven't heard a thing they said when they just poured out their heart about a bad day at work or school.

I do understand that we all live busy lives these days. There are a dozen things going through our minds at any time. Appointments we need to book. Upcoming special events that need to be organized. Families getting kids to sports events. Getting out the door for church. Car breakdowns. It's a lot to keep track of. Because of this noise it can be difficult for us to really focus on what is going on around us. As much as we want to, we just can't promise people that we will always hear them when they talk to us.

There is one person who promises to always hear us. Today's verse is a reminder that God will always hear when we talk to him. The verse starts by saying that "this is the confidence we have." Confidence is defined as being "full trust, belief in the powers, trustworthiness, or reliability of a person or thing." In this case, it is the full trust and belief in God that He is trustworthy. God will not be distracted by the things going on. He will hear you.

Our focus this year is praying through God's promises. As we start this 21 day journey, know that, when you pray through the promises these coming 3 weeks, God will hear you. He is faithful and trustworthy. This is not an empty promise of someone who is too busy to really care about what you are saying. It is rooted in the very nature of God. He is trustworthy. So, pray these promises with the confidence that He is listening!

REFLECTIONS

- ▶ How do you feel when you know someone is not listening to you?
- ▶ What do you do when it is obvious they have tuned you out?
- ▶ Do you have confidence that God is listening?
- ▶ What do you want God to hear from you today?
- ▶ What is most pressing on your mind?
- ▶ Will you commit to praying through the promises of God?

PRAYER

God, thank you that you hear me. Thank you that I have the confidence that my prayers are heard. I will trust in you that, over these next 21 days, you will listen.

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