

Pastoral Notes

'Can you hear me now'-
Acts 9:1-5.

Have you ever been on a cell phone and sensed a communication break where you are sure person on the other end is not hearing you? At some point, you have likely asked the question, 'can you hear me now'. This can also happen in communications with God? The problem is never with him, it is with us.

Sometimes we allow outside interference to disrupt our communication with God.

are really wanting and waiting to hear the voice of God or are avoiding him so you can continue doing your and not his will. I know we have 4G technology now but God created the original 3G network of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The subject of our text, Saul, was so busy in what he wanted to do for God, that he never actually sat to hear from him. As a result, he did things that God did not approve of. To get his attention, God shined his light from heaven, on Saul, knocking him to his

Key Sermonic Points:

1. *To hear from God, you can't do all the talking*
2. *Sometimes God will call you out*
3. *When you're too busy, God can clear your calendar*

We get busy with the activities of life (work, school, sports, social media) that we allow ourselves a disconnect to the point he has to ask, 'can you hear me now'.

We should maintain regular communications with God, not just making requests, but to listen and hear what he has to say to us. Allow God, who is Spirit, to talk to your Spirit so he can grow & guide; woo & warn; as well as, exhort and encourage you. Keep Jesus "on the main line" so you can hear from him. Don't put him in call waiting or do not disturb. Self-assess if you

knees. In essence, he asked Saul, "can you hear me now"? Don't wait for God to knock you down or slow you down. If he has to he will. God has an uncanny way of clearing your calendar when you act like you don't have time for him. He does it to help and not harm you.

Let this message bless and challenge you. Visit our website, or get a CD, for more depth on this teaching.

Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

You can be in a crowd of hundreds of people and God can single you out and shine his light on you to bring you out of darkness.

The light that was shone on Saul was no ordinary light. It was Jesus, "the light of the world" (John 8:12)

Commune daily with the Lord to make your requests known to him and for him to make his requests known to you.

Incline your ear to God and hear, so that your soul may live (Isaiah 55:3)

God did not change Saul's name to Paul. Saul was his Hebrew name and Paul, the name given for his Roman citizenship.