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Hearing is the first step in God's Plan of Salvation and there are many competing reports and news in our world that do not save.

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**Romans 10:17 ESV**

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

# The First Step an Introduction by Greg Gates

# I. What is Hearing

**Mark 1:28 ESV**

And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Mark 1:28 NIV**

News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

**Mark 1:28 ASV 1901**

And the report of him went out straightway everywhere into all the region of Galilee round about.

**Romans 10:17 YLT**

so then the faith *is* by a report, and the report through a saying of God,

**Romans 10:17 NCV**

So faith comes from hearing the Good News, and people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ.

# II. What Have You Heard?

**Acts 19:2 ESV**

And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

**John 3:4–5 ESV**

Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

**John 3:6–7 ESV**

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

**John 6:63 ESV**

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

# III. Where Your Hearing Takes You

**Acts 19:3–4 ESV**

And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”

**Deuteronomy 4:2 ESV**

You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

**Proverbs 30:6 ESV**

Do not add to his words,   
lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

**Revelation 22:18–19 ESV**

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

# IV. What to do about Your Hearing

**Acts 17:11 ESV**

Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

**2 Timothy 4:3 ESV**

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

**Matthew 15:7–9 ESV**

You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:   
“ ‘This people honors me with their lips,   
but their heart is far from me;   
in vain do they worship me,   
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

**2 Corinthians 4:3 ESV**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

**Hebrews 3:7–8 ESV**

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,   
“Today, if you hear his voice,   
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,   
on the day of testing in the wilderness,

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