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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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A Two Way Relationship

ISAIAH 50:4b NKJV - He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned.

The prophet Isaiah describes his relationship to God as a relationship that has two-way communication. Have you ever felt that your communication with God was only one way - you to Him only? Isaiah tells us, "The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.... The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back" (**ISAIAH 50:4-5**).

The key to Isaiah's relationship with God lies in four important principles:

- (1) He had an instructed tongue. Isaiah had given over rule of his life completely to God's purposes.
- (2) He knew the word of the Lord, which allowed him to sustain and encourage others.
- (3) He took time to listen.
- (4) He did not flee from the tough assignments. He didn't shrink back.

If we are to be able to listen to God, we must follow the same principles. Knowing and spending time studying God's Word allows the Holy Spirit to bring to mind His instructions for what He wants for us. Recently, I became very busy in my work and other activities. It wasn't long before I felt distance between God and me. I had to make a conscious decision to carve out more time alone to listen, study, and meditate on His Word. This is the lifeline for the follower of Jesus. When we begin to lose the relationship, we are susceptible to becoming rebellious, going our own way. Invest your life in this relationship so that you may continue to hear His voice and sustain the weary ones around you.

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 10:14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus Christ and I, a union that can't be divided.

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