

## **CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?**

Proverbs 4:20-27; Proverbs 1:20-33

### **Wisdom and God's Truth**

Two Questions to consider:

- Can you hear God's truth?
- Will you listen?

What is wisdom?

Understanding of how God work.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

### **Dangers of Refusing to Listen (1:20-32)**

Three categories of people mentioned

- Naïve – those without a lot of life experiences
- Scoffers – those who know God's truth and reject it, make fun of it
- Fools – those who know the consequences of not following the truth but just don't care

Dangers

- When truth is rejected, storms WILL come, consequences will catch up to you
- God will not answer then you call to Him
- You will not find God when you seek Him
- Waywardness of the naïve will kill them
- Complacency of the fool will destroy them

### **Benefits of Listening (1:33; 4:20-22)**

He who listens will live

- Live securely
- Be at ease from evil
- Experience peace
- Experience rest
- Experience safety
- Have freedom

Life and health to those who listen

### **How to be an Active Listener (4:23-27)**

- \* Listen intently to truth (v. 20)
- \* Guard your heart (v. 23)
- \* Speak truth with your mouth (v. 24)
- \* Look straight ahead with your eyes (v.25)
- \* Be wise in where you put your feet (vv. 26-27) (vv.4:14, 18-19)  
Just because something isn't wrong doesn't make it wise.
- \* Join a community of believers who will speak truth into your life.

Remember our two questions:

- Can you hear God's truth?
- Will you listen? Be teachable, be humble, be willing to set aside your pride.