

2008 yearbook message

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me...”

I've been thinking about voices. About a year after I started at the truck stops I was talking to a driver in the lounge at the Flying J. Big John, who I had known at the mission, walked up. I was amazed to see him. He explained that he had been walking on Route 11 when he felt impressed to come in the truck stop. He thought it was crazy to come into a truck stop but as soon as he entered the room, before he saw me, he heard my voice and knew it was me. We shared a good hug, a meal, fellowship, and I got him a shower—All because he heard and recognized my voice.

There are many voices we should pay attention to as we live our Christian lives. Let's think about a few:

God's Voice: speaking to us through His Word. It's so important for us to have regular times of hearing God's voice as we read, study and meditate on His precious Word.

Conscience: Our conscience will only be accurate and lead us correctly if it is shaped and formed by God's Word.

Children and Spouses: It's so important to take time to listen to the voices of those we love. We may only have today to listen to each other. As we listen we may find teachable moments to help shape their spiritual lives.

The Lost: We should train ourselves to be sensitive to the cry of the lost all around us who are slipping into eternity without Christ every day.

The Poor: “One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed.” We should always be willing to hear the voice of the poor and share with them. Jesus makes it very clear in Matthew 25 that when we listen to and assist the poor we are serving Him.

One voice we all want to hear is our Lord's saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things...enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

None of us know what this new year holds. Let's resolve to be faithful and to pay attention to the voices in our lives.

Thanks to each of you for your love, prayers and encouragement. We love you and pray God's blessings on you in 2008.

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