

OVERCOMING COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN

Text: Genesis 3:1-13

Key Word: Communication

Key Thought: God's Message Has Not Only Survived but Is OVERCOMING Many Expectations

From the moment we are born we learn to communicate. It's definitely not perfect and can be greatly influenced. There are a multitude of hindrances that attempt to damage constructive communication. According to the Bible it began in the Garden of Eden with the first couple being deceived by what the Apostle John called the ancient serpent (Revelation 12:9; 20:2). The clear message from God became quickly attacked with just a few words.

*"And the Lord God **commanded** the man, "You are **free to eat from any tree in the garden;** 17. **but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,** for when you eat from it you will certainly die."*

Genesis 2:16,17

*"Now the serpent was **more crafty** than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?**"*

2. The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

*3. but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, **and you must not touch it,** or you will die.'"*

*"**You will not certainly die,**" the serpent said to the woman.*

*5. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, **and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**"*

*"7. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they realized they were naked;** so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."*

Genesis 3:1-3; 4-5, 7

It's interesting to note that the Hebrew word for *“crafty”* and *“naked”* are almost identical. It brings a different meaning if we were to say that their eyes opened and they realized they had become crafty.

Most of you know we have spent more than 5 months trying to improve our communication by upgrading our wi fi network along with our audio and video equipment and programs. It's been an incredible challenge. Let me give you a quick walk through the changes and why we did them.

1. Fibe High Speed Network - We were first told that adding video to our recordings would require a much faster wi fi network. That's why we began by upgrading to the Bell Fibe network. It changed our uploading and downloading speeds from 3 MBPS to 950 MBPS at the installation point. Then we discovered that the cable linking it to our modem was too old and didn't accommodate the high speed. So we ordered and installed a new Cat 6 Ethernet Cable and moved our modem to the sound booth.

2. Vmix program - We then contacted some technical help from 2 other local churches to set up a new program that mixes both the video and audio together. We quickly recognized that our computer was not able to run the video without stalling out - running at 99% CPU capacity. So ...

3. Mac Computer - We had to replace the computer with a Mac that is designed to run smoothly with video inputs. We then realized we had to split the harddrive with a program called Bootcamp and then reloaded all our Microsoft and other programs as well as all our data. Then . . .

4. Video Camera - We began by using a few Iphones and realized that Sharon's Ipad worked better. We simplified the video input from 2 inputs down to one for now. At the same time we were being given constructive criticism that certain aspects of our video needed to be tweaked and the sound was not clear.

5. Audio improvements - Since some of that sound equipment had not been cleaned for many years we took the whole platform apart to clean all contacts and tag all connections. We found a number of poor connections. At that time we were told that the sound had a lot of bass in it. That ended up to be the high frequency horns, so we replaced them. There were also some wires not connected properly. The new parts didn't come with screws. The old screws were too short and hung on by a single thread. In one Sunday of use, 3 screws had vibrated off which we replaced.

Our mixer board was the next to cut in and out. We ordered one and it arrived about 2 months later. They only shipped 3 of them to Canada the first week and we were thankful to be one of them. We learned how to use the board and make the necessary adjustments for better sound. We are still tweaking it every week to improve our sound mix.

6. Facebook and Corel - We worked hard on editing the captured video with a Corel video program. Then we had to feed the live streaming into Facebook and our website.

About a month ago we tested our 2 wireless microphones and one of them had a rattle in it and it didn't work. They are not repairable. The second one began to cut out last week during the service with new batteries in it. This week I ordered a brand new cordless mic system and a few more components to hopefully get rid of this problem for years. It has been fully paid for because of generous people.

7. TV's - we have had 2 tv's donated to the church. We ordered the brackets and they will both be installed hopefully next week. It will help the musicians, singers and preachers to see the information that is projected on the screen behind us.

The second TV will be installed in the children's room. That will allow us to divide up those attending on Sunday morning into 5 different rooms that are all spaced properly and sanitized to do our best to add safety protocol in our building.

8. Safety Protocol - We must (at this time) maintain a maximum of 30% building capacity. You've noticed the moment you enter the building we have our "Health Inspector" making sure you answer the various questions, use sanitiser, wear a mask and takes your temperature. Once you are seated, she goes through the building and cleans all the doorknobs and surface areas that are commonly touched. We keep these records with your name and date for 2 weeks and then shred them.

9. Ventilation - Another check that we do is with the ventilation system on yearly basis. Since this was once a school, it was held to higher ventilation guidelines. There are 2 motorized exhaust systems on our roof. Two of them are belt-driven and working well. The other one has reached a point where it needs to be replaced. We believe it was installed in 1962 when the additional two rooms were added to the West side of our building. After plenty of research on the internet and phone calls and going to a number of local businesses we concluded we needed to contact Marleau Mechanical because we need to use a certified contractor to maintain our insurance coverage. This is ongoing at this point.

There is no doubt that our team has learned a great deal about communication breakdown. I could go on to explain the minute details of things that have caused us much frustration. Once we began the process, we couldn't stop. **We had to improve. And improving is all we did.** Will something fail in the future? Yes, of course.

There are things we have no control over such as mechanical wear out, weather conditions that can cause electrical grids to go down (having another squirrel get the shock of its life) or ice rain which makes driving too dangerous to get here. So why do we do all this work? The simple answer is that we want to do our best with the continual upgrades in communication and equipment to surpass all expectations we once had to spread God's Word all over the world.

It is all because of what Jesus commanded His apostles to do in what had been called the Great Commission.

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
19. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20. and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:18-20

We still have a crafty deceiver who will keep trying to deceive and discourage us from getting the Great Commission done. This time of history is very unique. We can send out the gospel to the nations of the world through our website. I know it is growing rapidly. Before we began this new process we would have 20-30 hits on our website every month according to Google. The Google searches began to grow this year to 2,000/month. Then to 3,000 the next month and **on and upward** each month. The continual increase of Google searches for our church (up to 8700 last month) shows that people (I'm sure from many ethnic diversities) are interested in the Gospel. People want to enter into worship and hear the preaching of God's Word. They want to be taught the Word of God.

The deceiver is losing ground and he knows it. Corrupt media in every form are trying to hinder the good news from being portrayed. We've been called to keep going no matter what the obstacles are presently or those still to be introduced to hamper the success of our evangelistic methods.

CHANGING METHODS

Ever since the introduction of electricity we have witnessed a revolution in communication. We've come a long way since the early designs of transistor radios, turntables and Black and White TV's with rabbit ears and antennas.

International Business Machines (IBM) launched on June 16, 1911 in Endicott, New York by making a counting machine (tabular). Lets not forget that the first Apple Computer was made in California on April 1, 1976. Microsoft Communication began in Albuquerque, New Mexico in April 4, 1975. Amazon.com began in Belvedere, Washington on July 5, 1994. Google began Sept 4, 1998 in Menio Park, California. Facebook began in Cambridge, Massachusetts on February 2004. On March 21, 2006, Twitter began their communications operation in San Francisco, California.

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Little of these companies could exist without INTEL. Their total revenue was 70 Billion dollars in 2018. Here is just one of the goals they have set forth.

Advance Sustainable Global Manufacturing Practices by 2030, They said “We will achieve net positive water use, 100% renewable power, zero total waste to landfill, and additional absolute carbon emissions reductions, even as we grow our manufacturing capacity.”

Everything you read on their website is filled with messages of super advancement in knowledge, speed, capacity, Treat Intelligence, Cultural Evolution, Supply Chain and Business Planning. They are used in a host of areas like the Military, Medical Field, Education, Travel, Food production, Telecommunication, Pollution control, Habitat improvements etc.

Several Bible verses come to light for this day and age when it comes to increasing knowledge to understand the times and the seasons.

*“And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, **and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years,**”*

Genesis 1:12

*“**He (God) changes times and seasons;** he deposes kings and raises up others. **He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.**”*

Daniel 2:23

*He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’
3. and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, **but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.**”*

Matthew 16:2,3

*“But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll **until the time of the end.** Many will go here and there **to increase knowledge.**”*

Daniel 12:4

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

Luke 21:25-27

*“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. **Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.**”*

Habakkuk 2:3

*“A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land:
31. The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. **But what will you do in the end?** (But they will not be able to help you when the time of judgment comes! - NET Bible); ?*

Jeremiah 3:30,31

“The prophets are prophesying lies in My name,” the LORD replied. “I did not send them or appoint them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a false vision, a worthless divination, the futility and delusion of their own minds.”

Jeremiah 14:14

***“Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:
41. “‘Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.”***

Acts 13:40,41

*“He (the antichrist) will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people **and try to change the set times and the laws.** The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.”*

Daniel 7:25

The enemies of God would like nothing more than to bring in a communication breakdown of what God wants us to know. The signs of the times are making it clear that our communication networks are being corrupted by evil and powerful people across the world. They seem to think that if they continue to tell the same lie that people will begin to believe them. I'd rather follow the Word of God to help me and my loved ones prepare for the end of times.

“Did God really Say?” Read it again and again until you understand what was God has inspired men to write and has survived for thousands of years. It is not complicated. I've heard people say “I just can't read the Bible.” REALLY! WHY?

**“The Bible will keep you from sin
OR
sin will keep you from the Bible.”**

Dwight L. Moody
1837-1899

God's Message Has Not Only Survived but Is OVERCOMING Many Expectations.
People all around are sensing that God is calling them back to a relationship with Him and a desire to understand His Word.

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