

DAY FIVE: LISTEN

What are your favorite sounds at Christmas?

The words, "He who has ears, let Him hear," is repeated over and over in the Gospels, as if Jesus was making sure we got the point that there is a deeper level of hearing, a heart-level of hearing.

Read Luke 2:19. What does it say Mary did after listening to the shepherds?

What truths about Jesus do you "treasure and ponder in your heart?"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in **listening** to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love of the brethren is learning to listen to them...So it is *His work* that we do for our brother when we learn to listen to him."

What are your strengths and weaknesses in the area of listening to others?

How can you improve?

Read John 15:11 and fill in the blanks.

"These things I have spoken to you, that my _____ may be in ____, and that your joy may be _____."

These are truths He wants to make sure we have heard on an ear-level AND on a heart-level.

~ YOU ARE THE VESSEL GOD HAS CHOSEN TO KEEP HIS JOY!
I PRAY IT HAS A LARGE SPOUT AND NO LID BECAUSE HIS JOY IS NEVER-ENDING! ~