



Shofar Christian Church

#GOLOW I PART SIX

LOVE LISTENS

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#GOLOW

1. Intro: KEYS TO #GOLOW

#1 Key – Don't mind the robes to much

#2 Key – JESUS, the servant King

#3 Key – Do unto others

#4 Key – Like Sheep

#5 Key – Sow low & Trust the SEED

#6 Key – Trusted Hands

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Jeremiah 18: The Potter and the Clay

Jesus reveals...

TRUSTED FATHER HANDS of God

Jesus yielded as the PERFECT CLAY



LISTEN

#GOLOW KEY 7 | LOVE LISTENS

2. To LISTEN:

- 55% of time is devoted to listening [stats]

When someone is telling
you a lie when you already
know the truth



But you still keep listening

Thanks for listening to my
problems and somehow
making it all about you.



Thanks for taking the
time to listen to me
complain about you
never listening to me.



That awkward moment when
you're telling a story &
realized no one's listening, so
you slowly fade out & pretend
you never said anything.

2.2 “Hear” or “Listen”:

Listen [Strong’s Def] : shâma` I shaw-mah'

A primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of **attention**, obedience, etc.; causatively to tell, etc.): **attentively**, call (gather) together, **carefully**, certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, X diligently, **discern**, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), X indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, X surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

2.2 “Hear” or “Listen”:

Hearing is simply the act of perceiving sound by the ear. If you are not hearing-impaired, hearing simply happens. Listening, however, is something you consciously choose to do. Listening requires concentration so that your brain processes meaning from words and sentences.

Hearing vs. Listening - University of Minnesota Duluth

www.d.umn.edu/student/loon/acad/strat/ss_hearing.html

TO LISTEN IS TO LOVE

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”**

3. Love People:

3.1 Like Jesus:

Called to LISTEN LIKE HE does

Listen to MORE THAN JUST
WORDS

3.2 Jesus: Scripture

John 5:1-19 (NIV) | The Healing at the Pool

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” 8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” 11 But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ” 12 So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Authority of the Son

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. 17 In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

3.3 We learn:

1. Care for individuals
2. Jesus had compassion
3. Didn't presume / assume
4. Listened to the person and problem
5. God's hands and feet | HIS ANSWER*

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JESUS LED HIM TO AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

3.4 LISTEN and Love:

1. Compassion
2. It says I care
3. You are valuable
4. I am interested in 'your shoes'
5. There is help
6. You are not alone
7. God cares and He has the ANSWER

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My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

James 1:19



LEAD PEOPLE TO AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

3.5 Why do we struggle to listen:

1. We listen to speak
2. We are often empty
3. Caught up in self
4. Caught up in life
5. We think we have the answer

Let's listen...

- Fear of the Lord and Wisdom
- Always connected to the Holy Spirit

God's HEART and
ANSWERS

Let's listen...

John 12:49 For I have not spoken on My own, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a command as to what I should say and what I should speak.



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PRAYER TIME

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