

“Whether we realize it or not, when we read and listen to the Bible especially the parts that quote God and Jesus, we subconsciously give God and Jesus a voice and that voice informs how we perceive the text.”

What does Jesus sound like?

- Matthew 23:37 - “you were not willing!”
- John 8:11 - “Go and from now on sin no more.”
- Matthew 14:31 - “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”
- Luke 8:45-46 - “Who was it that touched me?”

Big Idea: Weary Servants _____.

What does Elijah sound like?

	“Crazy, whining and complaining Elijah”	“Lamenting Elijah”
“I have been very _____”	“Hey God, do you know what I have done?”	“I have lived my life for You.”
“People forsaken Your covenant/thrown down altars/killed prophets”	“Your people stink!”	“Israel rejected their loving God.”
“I even I only am left...”	“I am the only one who gives a care!”	“I feel alone and isolated.”
“They seek my life...”	“I don’t deserve this.”	“I am _____.”

What does God sound like?

	"Mad God"	"Tender God"
God's _____	"What are you doing here, you idiot?"	"Tell me how you are doing."
God's _____	Intimidation tactic	Demonstration of intimacy
God's _____	"Get back to work; and, you're fired; and, you're wrong, you're not alone."	"Time for you to rest. I have a plan, your replacement, and faithful people."

4 Reasons for a Tender God:

1. A mad God is _____ with the previous tender care.
2. God responds to Elijah's lament with _____, not correction.
3. God tells Elijah it is time for him _____.
4. God doesn't let Elijah die (later in the story).

Takeaways:

1. How you hear God is evidence of _____ about God.
2. How do you hear God when it is about _____?
3. How you hear God informs how you will _____.