

With a Q-tip in hand, name the Q-tip after a young person who has helped you see or feel God more clearly, helped to clear out the gunk to see God more clearly.

The mosquito ring tone – youth can hear it, but adults can't. it was invented to repel teenagers in retail stores, discouraging teen loitering. 17 KHz. From the phenomenon of Presbecusis: aging ear syndrome [most common hearing deficiency, affects people around 30's and 40's]

The church gets Presbecusis: an inability to get certain God-frequencies as we age. Now the Church has to hear through young people.

1 Samuel 3

- Samuel wasn't sitting on carpet squares in the basement, he was "ministering" alongside Elijah
- "the lamp of God had not yet gone out": why? Cause it was being tended by Samuel. A youth.

Just because we can't hear God's frequencies anymore doesn't mean that nobody can – God is still speaking through someone. We have to learn to listen to God through each other.

God Frequency #1: Doing Theology sideways helps us to be a more honest church

Anne Lamott: "we should believe that we have finally been made in God's image when God begins to hate the same people we do"

Start church with: "Is what we're doing worth the death of our LORD?"

OR Is youth ministry in your church embarrassing Jesus?

There's a difference between being a fool for Christ and embarrassing Jesus.

LDSP Research from Boeing: 10% comes from education; 20% comes from people/mentors; other 70% comes from our failures.

God's judgment spells change for the Church, not doom.

God Frequency #2: Doing Theology sideways helps us to be a more humble church.

They have the ability to proclaim God in ways we can't. Teens are more prone to risky behavior when they're together in a group. Adults are less likely.

Exodus 20:18 – they got scared of listening to God, so they wanted Moses to be the "middle man." We don't like surprises.

1 Samuel 3:3: Samuel, the young leader, laid down his mat in the holiest of holies, the center of power in the Temple. How often do we let our teenagers get close to the center of power in the church? *If we want to follow the relationship of Samuel and Elijah, it's important to empower students to hear from God, help make decisions.*

Elijah finally realizes that Samuel is being spoken to by God. Elijah has heard from God before—so he uses his experience to help Samuel understand what's going on, not telling him **WHAT** it was that God was saying but telling him **HOW** to listen to God.

[Picture of Jesus in the snow]

Once you solve the disorienting dilemma, you can't go back. After you see Jesus in the picture, you can't go back. After you hear from God, you can't go back.

God Frequency #3: Doing Theology sideways helps us to be a more hopeful church.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "The future of the church does not depend" [on any club or group of people. The future of the Church depends on us to teach our youth that God is still speaking.]

Teenagers can't hear God without us.

May 1, 2006: Rick Reilly's visit to Tanzania in Sports Illustrated. November 27, 2006: *Nothing But Nets* first shipment arrived in Nigeria.

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Nothing happens because a few people do a lot. Change happens when a lot of people do a little.

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." And God said: _____.

Celtic Blessing...

God, we pray...

Christ's Cross on this Face

Christ's Cross on these Ears

Christ's Cross on these Eyes

Christ's Cross on these Lips

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Amen. Amen. Amen.