

**Project Hear Series
Part One – Shema
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Opening

-“In Hebrew, there is no separate word for obey. Listening and doing are two sides to the same coin.”

-Matthew 7:24-29

-Pray

Series Introduction

-(knee reflex test – have little hammer) the patellar reflex test...

-I want the reflex of my heart to be one of obedience to God!

-Matthew 7:28-29 isn't just commentary on Jesus' teachings but also the culture of Jesus' day...that even the religious teachers in the time of Jesus' life had lost their expectation that people would obey God. (the "coin" was coming apart)

-I've entitled this series "Project Hear" because I want the culture of our church to be one of reflexive obedience to God.

-The Scale: **rebellious – reluctant – reflexive**

Introduction

-What is the most frustrating part of a home renovation project?

- (this scale on the screen)
- Takes longer than you think...
- Costs more than you think...
- Harder than you think...

-Jeremiah 17:5-10

*-If we want the reflex of our hearts to be one of obedience to God, we must do the hard work that transforms it from being **desperately wicked to delightfully worshipful**...and it's going to take longer, cost more, and will be harder than we think!!!!*

Don Gelpi

-He was a Jesuit Priest who lived from 1934-2011, one of the great theological minds our day.

"And in the late 1960's, early in his career, Gelpi became involved with what became known as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement. Through his involvement, Gelpi encountered an emotional and spiritual transformation characterized by a profound form of prayer and in intensely deep relationship with God. He later described this as a personal Pentecost."

-(show the Shema diagram)

-(talk about God's prompting to see a connection with Shema)

-5 Conversions **(Moses in Pharaoh's House by John J. Markey)**

- **Affective Conversion happens when a person takes personal responsibility for his or her emotional healing and development.**
- **Intellectual Conversion involves taking responsibility for the truth or falsity of one's beliefs by examining and testing them.**
- **Moral Conversion means being responsible to cultivate habits that embody the moral virtues one has embraced and to live according to a broader social responsibility.**
- **Sociopolitical Conversion involves accepting responsibility to seek the good for all humans and to work strategically with others to challenge and convert the wider world as well.**
- **Religious Conversion begins by making a vow of devotion to Jesus and confessing Jesus' right to have authority over every aspect of my life.**

-Matthew 13:13-17...Jesus didn't teach in parables to hide truth from people, it was His way of doing a "patellar test" on the heart!

Breakthrough

-**John 1:14** (NASB)

- Aletheia – *all truth is in Jesus, which means I must constantly examine life in light of His. (My Effort)*
- Charis – *all grace is in Jesus, which means my ability to change depends on His power. (His Healing)*

-We stop short of the kind of transformation Jesus promises us in Scripture because we want the breakthrough without the breakdown!

-This series, the study of these conversions is going to feel like Jesus is breaking us down, dismantling and rearranging our lives. Because if we are going to experience the breakthrough of Shema, if we are going to have a heart whose reflex is obedience to God, we need His truth and His grace!

Band

-Let's just talk for a moment about what's at stake here, the sense of urgency we should all have...

-Matthew 13:36-43

Close

-(in the moment)