

Sermon for March 11, 2012

**“The Voice”  
John 10:2-5**

We are constantly receiving information. Through television, music, Internet, and print we are bombarded with an overwhelming amount of facts, opinions, advice, data, counsel, and instruction. These are “voices” that are competing for our time and attention. Many of those voices can also distract us from the voice of God. This morning we will look at several voices and how their messages contradict God’s message to us.

**The VOICE**

**The MESSAGE**

Self Sufficiency  
II Corinthians 3:5  
Psalm 10:4  
Proverbs 16:18

“I’ve got this”

Our Agenda  
Job 38:4-5  
Isaiah 55:8-9  
John 16:33

“Life’s not fair”

Procrastination  
James 4:13-14  
Luke 12:40  
Ephesians 5:15-17

“Later”

Apathy  
Revelation 3:16  
I Thessalonians 5:1-3  
Mark 14:38

“That’s enough”

Fear  
Romans 8:15  
Isaiah 41:10  
Deuteronomy 31:6

“There’s no way”

The common denominator of these voices: Focus on Self  
II Timothy 4:3-4

**Recognizing the voice of God**

1. Die to self (Galatians 2:20)
2. Listen (Psalm 119:18)

3. Accountability (Proverbs 27:17)