**Three Ordinary Voices of God – Chapter Two: The First Voice: Needs**

**Guiding scripture:** Philippians 4:19 – *My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

**Every Parent’s Dream**

* *God’s dream for all his children: He wants you to become a phenomenal decision maker.* What keeps us from being phenomenal decision makers? Have you experienced FOMO as a basis for making decisions?
* *When we say yes to stuff that we know isn’t for us, we miss out on the stuff that God created just for us.* Do you have your own example of this?

**The First Voice: The Basics**

* *You were created on purpose and for a purpose. And your needs are one of the powerful ways that God speaks to you every day.* Discuss how needs are God’s first and practical clues for us in living our lives.

**The Four Aspects of the Human Person**

* *While our culture is obsessed with the second and third voices, our overall happiness depends more on listening to needs: physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual.* What is your first reaction to this?

**Physical**

* How does looking at the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit guide us in taking care of it? What is God saying to you currently through your physical needs?

**Emotional**

* One of our dominant needs is for acceptance. Where can this help or harm us?
* Discuss true intimacy (p 34-35) and what is the picture of carefree timelessness?

**Intellectual**

* Have you ever considered that we become the stories that we listen to?
* *The reason people neglect their intellectual development is that they associate books and learning with school and work!* Do you have a book that has strongly influenced you? If books can change our lives, why do we not gravitate toward them?

**Spiritual**

* Silence – discuss the quote “All of man’s miseries derive from not being able to sit quietly in a room alone.” What is your experience?
* Simplicity – a popular movement, but what would it look like in the day-to-day?
* Scriptures & Sacraments – God wants to transform, not just tweak. Discuss how both work in your life currently and any changes you have seen or want to see.

**The Happiness Paradox**

* *We know the things that make us happy, we just don’t do them!* Discuss how listening to God through your needs is a recipe for happiness (pages 48-52).

**God Loves Order**

* God is always trying to lead us from chaos to order. Is chaos or order reigning in your life? Are you in a place of clarity or confusion? How do we practically live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God?

**God Wants You to Serve Powerfully**

* Discuss the three reasons God wants us to be “selfish”. How are you at being “selfish”?