

## Confidence in Personal Revelation Outline – Mike Baird

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### **Paralyzing the bishopric**

- First meeting – looked around and realized that "the buck stopped here"
- Afraid to make a mistake – stakes seemed enormous
- Once I had made a decision was worried it was wrong
- Paralyzing the bishopric

### **"Trust your feelings"**

- President Dalton (Nov 2002)  
"Trust your feelings, almost all revelations as a bishop will come to you as feelings"
- 1 Nephi 17:45  
"... he hath spoken unto you in a still small voice, but ye were past *feeling*, that ye could not *feel* his words"
- Boyd K Packer  
"We do not have the words (even the scriptures do not have words) which perfectly describe the Spirit. The scriptures usually use the word voice, which does not exactly fit. These delicate, refined spiritual communications are not seen with our eyes nor heard with our ears.... It is a voice that one feels more than one hears.... I have come to know that inspiration comes more as a feeling than as a sound." (A Watchman on the Tower , pg 279)
- See "Listening and Judging by the Spirit" by Mike Baird

### **Speak the thoughts I shall put in your hearts**

- D&C 100:5-8  
"5)Therefore, verily I say unto you, lift up your voices unto this people; speak the thoughts that I shall put into your hearts, and you shall not be confounded before men;  
6)For it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very

moment, what ye shall say.

7) But a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall declare whatsoever thing ye declare in my name, in solemnity of heart, in the spirit of meekness, in all things.

8) And I give unto you this promise, that inasmuch as ye do this the Holy Ghost shall be shed forth in bearing record unto all things whatsoever ye shall say."

- "Learn to trust in the Lord that he will uphold us"

### **"Did I not speak peace to your mind?"**

- We often feel like second guessing ourselves
- D&C 6:22-23

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, if you desire a further witness, cast your mind upon the night that you cried unto me in your heart, that you might know concerning the truth of these things.

Did I not speak peace to your mind concerning the matter? What greater witness can you have than from God?"

- Often we second guess because things did not turn out as we expect
- Sometimes events take an unexpected turn
  - "All things shall work together for your good (D&C 90:24)
  - "If it was right then – its still right then"

### **Your confidence shall wax strong**

- D&C 6:36

"Look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not"

- D&C 121:41-42, 45-46

"...then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion..."

- As we exercise these principles we will have confidence in making decisions by the Spirit