



HUA!

HUA is an Army slang term pronounced “hooah”. It is a positive response to a request or an order given. Instead of “Yes, Sergeant!” the battalion would respond, “*HUA!*”

Scripture theme: “... *the Lord is about to pass by. Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.*” – 1Kings 19:11-12. After one of the greatest moments in his ministry – disproving and slaying 450 prophets of Baal, Elijah was only hearing and responding to Jezebel’s death threat.

H – Hear *what is being said*—Whether it is performing a task, connecting in relationship or discerning the Holy Spirit, turning off noise and distractions and tuning into the now is key.

U – Understand *expectations*—There are three dimensions to every verbal exchange – what was said, what the person meant to say and what was heard.

A – Acknowledge, *honor, show respect*—5th Commandment: *Honor your father and your mother,*

Discussion time:

Hear *what is being said*

- Discuss what noise and distractions exist when you are trying to communicate?

Understand *expectations* - Understand what is expected by verifying what you heard was what the person meant – make no assumptions.

- In conversations practice verifying what you heard for clarification

Acknowledge, *honor, show respect* - 5th Commandment: *Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.* - Exodus 20:12.

Jesus gave two commandments: “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind;*” and to “... *love your neighbor as yourself.*”

- Discuss how Jesus lived out the 5th commandment.
- Share a story of how you have honored, or failed to honor your father.

We commit to:

Prayer: Lord, I hear selectively, claim misunderstanding when Your word is not in line with my will and acknowledge other gods in my life with my time, money and actions. Forgive me for turning my eyes to little “g” gods. I know You are the Most High God, my Father, through the grace of Jesus the Christ and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I will listen well to *hear* Your voice in my decisions and relationships; I will work to *understand* Your word better today than yesterday; and I will *acknowledge* You as I walk in Your will for my life. *HUA*, Lord. Amen.