

# Sermon Starter – Balaam, the Donkey, and the Angel

*Numbers 22:18-35*

In the time and culture of Balaam, donkeys were valued and an indicator of wealth. They carried heavy loads but were treated well. Perhaps Balaam's treatment of his donkey indicated not only his frustration with the animal but also his struggle with God. Did he want to hear what God was saying? Did the sound of recognition, wealth, and power drown out God

What blocks us from hearing God's voice? How do we respond if what we hear isn't what we expect or what is pleasant? Nothing is more important than obeying God. Who has helped you hear God's voice?

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