

I submitted a change order to a construction manager for review.

He told me, “I’m only going to say one thing about this price.”

I knew the concrete number was high.

“Pigs get fat. Frogs get slaughtered.”

We both laughed but I wasn’t sure what to think about this saying.

“It’s an old saying I learned in Chicago on a large construction project. Too many of the change orders were coming through on the high side, so they started repeating this

old saying and sending the pricing back for another look.”

I understood what he meant.

But how do frogs play into this?

Was there a frog epidemic in Chicago and everyone slaughtered them to take care of the problem?

I didn't get it.

I told everyone for the next couple of weeks that their price was too high and repeated this old saying. I added my own emphasis saying “That's what they say in Chicago.”

Until someone figured out I had heard it wrong.

“Wait DJ. That’s not right. It’s not FROGS that get slaughtered it’s ... HOGS!”

“OH!”

I can’t really describe how I said that. Here, let me try again.

“OH!”

Yes, that's probably a better description of the expression on my face.

PIGS get fat. HOGS get slaughtered!

NOW ... I said all that to compare my being hard of hearing to something Jesus said about Scripture.

His disciples came and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?"

He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of

knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. That is why I use these parables,

*For they look, but they don't really see.
They hear, but they don't really listen or understand.*

This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says,

*'When you hear what I say,
you will not understand.*

*When you see what I do,
you will not comprehend.*

*For the hearts of these people are hardened,
and their ears cannot hear,
and they have closed their eyes—*

*so their eyes cannot see,
and their ears cannot hear,
and their hearts cannot understand,
and they cannot turn to me
and let me heal them.'*

*“But blessed are your eyes, because they see;
and your ears, because they hear.*

*I tell you the truth, many prophets and
righteous people longed to see what you see,
but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear
what you hear, but they didn't hear it.“*

Matthew 13:10-27 NLT

All they could hear was “... Slaughtered
frogs.”

Are you hearing what GOD is saying to you from the Bible?

It doesn't come easy. You have to put in the work.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV