

## Hearing God

**John 10:2-5** - 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. **The sheep hear his voice**, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, **he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.** 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for **they do not know the voice of strangers.**

How God Speaks:

### 1. THE BIBLE

- If you want a relationship with Jesus you have to have a relationship with His Word.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17 MSG** - **Every part of Scripture is God-breathed** and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.
- **There are 2 words.** One of them is Logos - written word of God. The second one is “Rhema” - the Rhema word of God is the living voice of God.
- **Hebrews 4:12 NLT** - 12 For **the word of God is alive** and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
- **Every time you read the Bible you are giving God an opportunity to speak to you.**

### 2. STILL SMALL VOICE - whisper

- **1 Kings 19:11-12 NKJV** - 11 Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire **a still small voice.**
- We need spiritual ears to hear his voice - God’s voice is always loving...even when warning us. It’s peaceable, loving and gentle even when strong. Satan uses fear. God uses love
- **I believe this still small voice is the voice of the Holy Spirit.**
- **John 14:26** - 26 But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
- The Holy Spirit helps us think as God thinks, feel what God feels, desire what God desires.
- **You know it’s His voice if it goes along with His word.** - He’s not going to tell you to punch someone in the face...or steal...because that violates His word.

### 3. PEACE

- **Colossians 3:15** - *And **let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.*
- **1 Corinthians 14:33** - *33 For God is not a God of confusion **but of peace.***

#### 4. CIRCUMSTANCES

- Revelation 3:7-8 - God opens and closes doors. If you pray that prayer, he will open doors that seem impossible and close doors that seem natural.
- Not every open door is God and not every closed door is God.

#### 5. WORSHIP

- When our hearts are postured with an openness to him, he speaks to us. Worship creates an open heaven.
- God gives us perspective in worship. - Big God small circumstances.

#### 6. DREAMS AND VISIONS

#### 7. PEOPLE

- **Proverbs 11:14** - *Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but **in an abundance of counselors there is safety.***
- Should be Godly people who you trust to give you the counsel of God.

### WHAT HINDERS GOD FROM SPEAKING?

#### UNBELIEF

- **Hebrews 11:6** - *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God **must believe** that he exists and that **he rewards those who seek him.***

#### DISOBEDIENCE OR INACTION

Do something with what you hear - **James 1:22** - **Be doers of the word not just hearers**  
**Mark 4:24** - *24 And he said to them, "**Pay attention to what you hear:** with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.*

#### BUSYNESS AND DISTRACTION

- If the enemy can't get in front of you, he'll get behind you and push you
- **Psalm 46:10** - *Be still and know that I am God*

#### You CAN hear God. He WANTS to speak to you

**Jeremiah 33:3** - *Call to me and **I will answer you**, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.*

What do I need to quiet down in my life so I can hear the voice of God?  
 What have I done with the last thing He told me?