



HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

Biblical Foundation for Hearing from God

- “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” –John 10:27
- “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” –Isaiah 30:21
- “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” –Jeremiah 33:3
- “And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.” –1 Kings 19:12 (God's voice came to Elijah not in the wind, earthquake, or fire—but in a still, small voice.)
- “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” –Revelation 3:20

Purposes of Encountering God

- Discover the identity of who God is
- Receive the truth of who you are—your identity in Christ
- Gain direction, destiny, and purpose
- Build a personal relationship with God
- Experience healing and freedom

Different Ways We Connect with God: God communicates in many ways—be open to how He uniquely speaks to you.

- **Seeing in your mind's eye:** pictures, images, colors, symbols, visions, written words
- **Hearing:** your own voice, an inner knowing, the audible voice of God
- **Sensing:** intuition, innate knowing, feeling lighter, or fullness
- **Thoughts:** your imagination, a word, an idea, "plopping" or "bubbling-up" thoughts
- **Physical feeling:** chills, heat, tingling, warmth like a blanket on you, weight or heaviness like you need to lie down or are being pushed down, comfort, shaking, or other body sensations
- **Word:** bible verse, a word, a statement
- **Memories recalled**
- **Emotions:** tears, joy, peace, calm, quiet, stillness

Different Ways to Encounter God

- Journaling
- Using your sanctified imagination
- Asking God direct questions
- Reading the Word: Bible scripture

Four Keys to Hearing God's Voice

1. Quieting yourself down – **Stillness**
2. Fixing your eyes on Jesus – **Vision**
3. Turning to spontaneity – **Spontaneity**
4. Writing/typing/recording – **Journaling**

How Do You Know You Are Discerning God's Voice? There are only three voices: yours, God's, and the enemy's.

- Does it line up with Scripture? → **It's God**
- Does it encourage, uplift, and bring peace? → **It's God**
- Does it carry the fruit of the Spirit (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, from Galatians 5:22)? → **It's God**
- Does it make you feel guilty, accused, blamed, ashamed, embarrassed, or condemned? → **The enemy**
- Is it an intense desire of yours? → **Probably you.**

Test the fruit! Remember, everything is filtered through your heart.

Questions to Ask God, Jesus, or Holy Spirit (pick who you are most comfortable with):

1. Daily Guidance

- What do you want me to be thankful for today?
- What is the most important thing for me to know today?
- What scripture verse do you have for me today? What do you want me to know about it?
- What do you want me to do today?

2. Personal Identity

- How do you see me?
- Do you love me?
- What gift did you give me?
- What makes me special?
- Do I have a blind spot?
- Is there a lie I'm believing about myself? What is the truth about that? (Repent from the lie, embrace the truth)

3. Relationships

- How do you see my (spouse, partner, child, friend, mom, dad, sibling)?
- What makes my (spouse, partner, child, friend, mom, dad, sibling) special?
- Is there a lie I'm believing about my (spouse, partner, child, friend, mom, dad, sibling)? What's the truth about my (spouse, partner, child, friend, mom, dad, sibling)? (Repent from the lie, embrace the truth)

4. Healing and Restoration

- Is there anything between you and me that you want to heal?
- Is there anything on my heart you want to heal today?
- Father God, Jesus, or Holy Spirit, is there anything I'm not understanding about you?

5. Situations

- How do you see this specific situation? Is there a lie I'm believing about this situation? What is the truth about that? (Repent from the lie, embrace the truth)

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