



IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Session 1

Session 1 - Can We Hear From God?



Reality, Motive, Some Blocks to Reception

Session 2 - Discerning the Sound



Knowing different “voices”

Session 3 - Discerning the Sound



Part 2

Session 4

Growing Strong in Hearing God



Helps and Hindrances

Session 1 - Can We Hear From God?



Reality, Motive, Blocks to Reception



**Does God Really
Speak To People?**

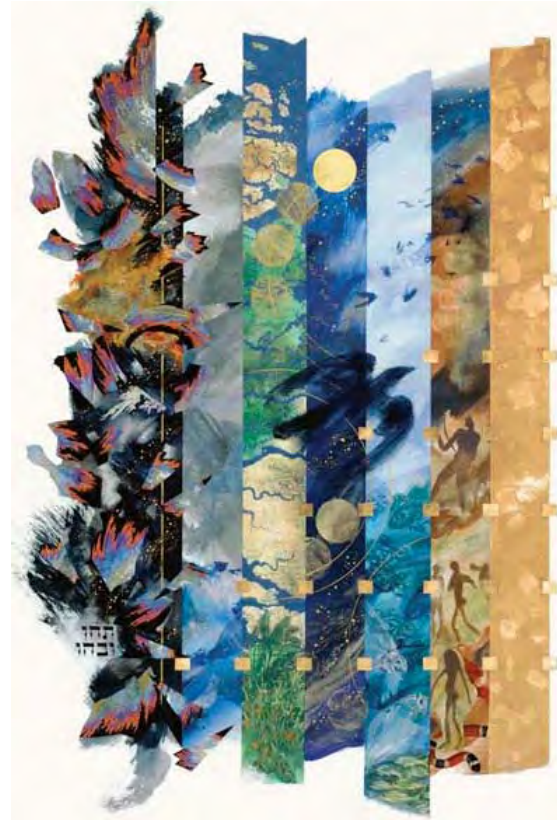
To whom has
God spoken?



From the
Old Testament



- **Genesis 1**
The Elements
They hear and respond



To whom has
God spoken?



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- **Genesis 7:7-9**
The Animals
They hear and respond



To whom has
God spoken?



From the
Old Testament



- **2 Chronicles 7:13**
The Locusts
They hear and respond



Who has heard God speak?



From the
Old Testament



- **Adam & Eve – Before & After**
- **Cain – Before & After**
- **Noah**
- **Abraham – Isaac – Jacob**
- **King Abimelech**
- **Joseph**
- **Moses – Aaron**
- **Joshua**
- **Deborah – Gideon –
Samson's Parents**

**Who has heard
God speak?**



**From the
Old Testament**



- **Samuel**
- **David**
- **Solomon**
- **Gad – Nathan – Elijah – Elisha**
- **Isaiah – Jeremiah – Ezekiel**
- **Daniel – Hosea – Joel – Amos – Obadiah – Jonah – Micah – Nahum – Habakkuk – Zephaniah – Haggai – Zechariah – Malachi**

**Who has heard
God speak?**



**From the
New Testament**



- **Zacharias - Joseph – Mary**
- **Peter**
- **Philip**
- **Saul – later named Paul**
- **Ananias**
- **Cornelius**
- **People in the church at Antioch**

**Who has heard
God speak?**



**From the
New Testament**



- **Paul, Silas, Timothy forbidden to go to Asia**
- **Paul shipwreck**
- **The Apostle John – Book of Revelation**

- **Jesus**

**Who can hear
God speak?**



Anyone

Those Coming to Jesus



*And when He has come, He
will convict the world of sin,
and of righteousness,
and of judgment*

John 16:8

No one can come to Me
unless the Father who sent
Me draws him

John 6:44

**Who can hear
God speak Regularly?**



**Those coming to
Jesus**



And other sheep I have which
are not of this fold; them also
I must bring,
and they will hear My voice;

John 10:16

**Who can hear
God speak?**



**My Story
A 6 year old . . .**



**Why Should We Want To
Hear God Speak To Us?**

**Why should we want
to hear God speak?**



1. Fellowship

Adam and Eve

Genesis 2 - 3

**God created man for
Fellowship with Himself**

Why should we want
to hear God speak?



1. Fellowship



*And this is eternal life, that
they may know You, the only
true God, and Jesus Christ
whom You have sent.*

John 17:3

God created man for
Fellowship with Himself

Why should we want
to hear God speak?



1. Fellowship



*Then He appointed twelve,
that they might be with Him
and that He might send them
out to preach, and to have
power to heal sicknesses and
to cast out demons.*

Mark 3:14-15

Our service grows out of this
Fellowship with the Lord

Why should we want
to hear God speak?



2. Guiding into Truth



*However, when He, the Spirit
of truth, has come, He will
guide you into all truth;*

John 16:13

Why should we want
to hear God speak?



2. Guiding into Truth



My Story Stealing

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Why should we want
to hear God speak?



2. Future Expectations



However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:13

Why should we want
to hear God speak?



Future
Expectations



My Story

Lady in the hospital



Why should we want
to hear God speak?



3. Knowledge

*Grace and peace be multiplied
to you in the knowledge of God
and of Jesus our Lord,*

*as His divine power has given to
us all things that pertain to life
and godliness, through the
knowledge of Him who called
us by glory and virtue,*

2 Peter 1:2-3

Why should we want
to hear God speak?



3. Knowledge
Of Him

My Story





*Why Do People
Not Hear God?*



1.

***They do not really think
God will speak to them***

Why Not Hear?



1.
Not Think
God is
Speaking
to me

*To him the doorkeeper opens,
and the sheep hear his voice;
and he calls his own sheep by
name and leads them out.*

*And when he brings out his
own sheep, he goes before
them; and the sheep follow
him, for they know his voice.*

John 10:3-4

Why Not Hear?



1.

**They Do Not
Think God
is Speaking
To Them**

*My sheep
hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me.*

John 10:27



**The are only
seeing the
natural world
and the result is
no
communication
from God**

2.

***They are not sensitive to
The Spirit of God***

Why Not Hear?



2.

**They are not
sensitive to
the things
of the Spirit
of God**

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

1 Corinthians 2:14

Why Not Hear?



2. Not sensitive to the Spirit of God

*For the hearts of this people
have grown dull.
Their ears are hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed*

Matthew 13:15

Why do we not hear the Voice of God?



3.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Why do we not hear the Voice of God?



3.

*Then you will call upon Me
and go and pray to Me, and I
will listen to you.*

Jeremiah 29:12

**Why do we not hear
the Voice of God?**



**3. Not
seeking God
with all your
heart**

*And you will seek Me and find
Me, when you search for Me
with all your heart.*

*I will be found by you, says
the LORD,*

Jeremiah 29:13-14

Why Not Hear?



1. Do not think God is speaking to them
2. Not sensitive to Spirit of God
3. Not seeking the Lord with all their heart – Half hearted

*a double-minded man, unstable
in all his ways*

James 1:8

Why do we not hear
the Voice of God?



4. Not being Quite



*Be still,
and know that I am God*

Psalm 46:10

Why do we not hear
the Voice of God?



4. Not being Quite



*But those who
wait on the LORD
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with
wings like eagles,
They shall run
and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

**Why do we not hear
the Voice of God?**



4. Not being Quite



**Draw near to God and He will
draw near to you.**

James 4:8

Why Not Hear?



1. Do not think God is speaking to them
 2. Not sensitive to the Spirit of God
 3. Not seeking the Lord with all their heart – Half hearted
- 3. Not becoming quite and getting focused on God*



You can hear from God

*My sheep
hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me.*

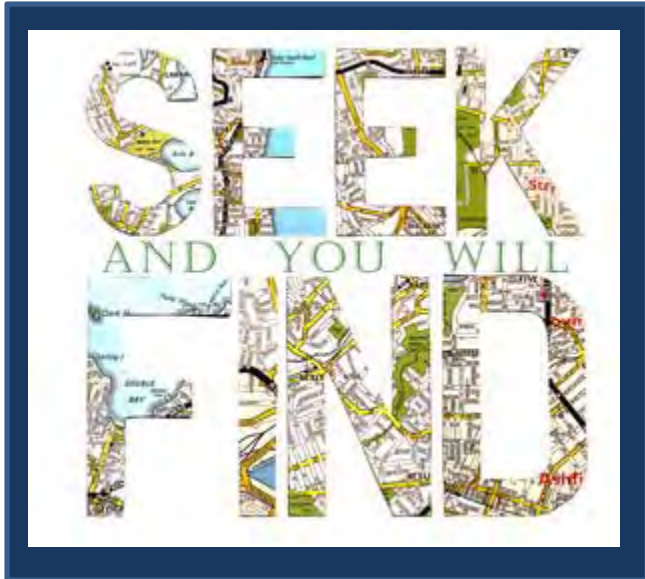
John 10:27



*You can be sensitive to the
Holy Spirit*

*For as many as are led by the
Spirit of God, these are sons
of God.*

Romans 8:14



*You can start today to seek
Him with your whole heart
(that's all of you all the time)*

*For as many as are led by the
Spirit of God, these are sons
of God.*

Romans 8:14



*Be Still so you can hear
from the Lord*

Be still and know I am God

Psalm 46:10



*Be Still so you can hear
from the Lord*

*God Speaking Thru
Thoughts
Impressions*

Week 1 - Can We Hear From God?



Activity



Prayer Points

- **Thank God He is speaking to your partner**
- **Ask God to tune their heart to seek Him fully
(whole hearted desire for Him)**
- **Quite your heart and focus on Him
(His sacrifice on the Cross for You)**



Activity Points

- **Ask God to bring a thought to your mind about a blessing of His salvation that he has brought into the life of your prayer partner.**
- **Pray that blessing over them.**



Homework

- **Sometime (3 times) get quiet before the Lord.**
 - **Ask the Holy Spirit to meet with you**
 - **Read the Psalm 22, 23, 24 one each time.**
- **Ask the Lord to speak to your heart about what you read and how it focuses on your life.**
 - **Write down what He spoke to you**



1 Samuel 3:4, 7, 9

Remember how Eli encouraged Samuel
the LORD called Samuel. And he answered,
“Here I am!”

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the
word of the LORD yet revealed to him.

if He calls you, that you must say,

‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’



Hearing God
in our daily lives