

## Hearing God 201 #2

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### Monday:

Fathers want to talk to their children. There's a lot of stuff that's contained in the written word of God, but He's still speaking and we as sons and daughters have been sovereignly positioned in this generation to hear His voice and to behave and to act accordingly.

*"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and these testify of me, but you're not willing to come to me, that you might have life."* The common people there knew who Jesus was, but to the religious community, Jesus was just the illegitimate son of a carpenter.

There are some safeguards and some rules of Scripture interpretation that will help you to know if it's God or not. Please take the time to read John 16:12-15. This Scripture helps to set the tone for the rest of this message.

When you make your commitment to hear God, the enemy will try to cast doubt in you. The enemy knows what the written word of God says better than you know what it says.

*"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out to the mouth of God."* Just like natural food nourishes your physical body, God's food, the word, however He chooses to express it, nourishes the soul and spirit of man.

God definitely speaks through the written word, but He also speaks to us today, through many avenues. That's why a lot of the body of Christ is undernourished, because they may know the written word, but they're not getting nourished by the words that God is speaking to their hearts right now.

### Tuesday:

There's a steady flow of information coming from the throne of God all of the time, and most of it's about you, for you. But how would you know what He is saying to you without developing a conversational relationship with God?

Why does God speak? Because He can, and He wants to. It's that simple. He can do anything He wants to do. He created mankind so that He could have someone He could interact with, someone He could express His love to.

You're alive right now for the basic reason that God wanted someone to love in this generation. It's His delight in the possibility of the two of you interacting and communicating, but the main reason is to reveal His love.

God has a plan for your life, and you can find out a lot of generalities by reading this book. I highly recommend you do that, because if you're going to make hearing God a priority, the enemy is going to try to skew that with telling you stuff that can contradict the written word. But God can't contradict Himself.

**Say this out loud**, "*God wants to speak to me. I want to hear what the Father is saying to me.*"

Regarding service notes and AT Snacks, you should get them one way or the other and keep them or make some notes as we go along, because it's important that you catch the truth in this stuff.

### **Wednesday:**

I'm serious about what I do up here. I'm not up here just for the heck of it. I'm up here to help train you. I'm not trying to grow a church. I'm building a people. I'm building a foundation, and it's you getting in the word till the word gets into you. It's perpetual.

It affects everything you think, everything you do, every thought you have, and every action you take. "*Man does not live by bread alone, but he will live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.*"

### **Here are some of the ways that God speaks:**

- •           **God speaks audibly**..... If you are born again, you heard Him. If you got saved, you heard Him. "*No man comes to the Father unless the Father draws him.*"
- •           **Dreams and Visions**..... In Acts 2:17 it mentions that young men shall see visions, and old men will dream dreams. It's dreams that have spiritual significance. God gives you a propensity to have dreams that have spiritual significance and wants to show you what those dreams mean.
- •           **Signs and Wonders**..... God gives signs and wonders to prove He exists, to prove He's real and to prove Himself as a supernatural miracle working Father who will move in your behalf and do whatever it takes for you. If you believe, God will show you sign after sign after sign after sign.

As people of God, you're going to have a lot of stuff to overcome. The enemy's going to throw everything he can at you, and you're living in a time right now where he lets the dogs out. So you have to know what truth is. You have to be listening to what God's saying to you and move accordingly.

### **Thursday:**

- • **Gifts of the Spirit**..... Word of knowledge, word of wisdom, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues. These are all ways that God speaks.
- • **Elements**..... “*Suddenly, there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing, mighty wind.*” It’s God speaking. Elements are like reminders.

I don’t always know what God is speaking. I don’t always know what it means. But it causes me to go to Him. God likes it when you go to Him to say, “*What does this mean to me?*” A

great example for me is doves. They’re representative in the Bible of the Holy Spirit.

- • **Sounds and Colors**..... “*The streets of the city are pure gold, like transparent glass.*”
- • **Numbers**..... The number 40 is symbolic for testings and trials. Eight stands for new beginnings. Five stands for grace.
- • **Events**..... Why am I getting tested? God loves to test you, not so He can find out where you’re at, but so *you’ll* know where you are at. He only tests you where you need to be tested.
- • **The Still, Small Voice**..... That voice that you hear but you don’t hear it with your ears. Sometimes you don’t hear God because He’s not saying what you want Him to say, but He always is saying what you need to hear, whether you even know it or not.
- • **Other People**..... God comforts us in our tribulation that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, by pointing them to God. They’re safer with God than they are with you.
- • **Through Angels**..... Angelic encounters. I think some of us have had angelic encounters that we didn’t even realize was an angelic encounter.
- • **Friday:**

These are all sure things of how God speaks. He’s not limited in how He speaks, and you’re created in such a way to pull in those things, receive those things that He’s saying. But you need the help of the Holy Spirit to understand what it is that you’re hearing.

**God confirms by giving you:**

- • **Peace**..... The peace of God that passes all understanding. That’s God speaking to you that you’ve done the right thing. He wants you to know you’re being compliant and cooperating with Him.
- • **Conviction**..... A feeling given by the Holy Spirit that’s able to direct or show you something about your life or what you should do.

- • **Inner Witness.....** Just a feeling you get. It just feels right.
- • **Remembrance.....** God reminds you. Jesus said, “*The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance*”. A lot of times the Lord will remind me of stuff that I’ve totally forgotten.
- • **Delegate Authority.....** I’m somebody that God put in your life to be a shepherd and an overseer to you.
- • **Questions.....** Sometimes to make you think, “*Why are you doing this?*” Like with Paul, “*Why are you persecuting me?*” God can accelerate or delay timing, according to His will for you in any situation.
- • **Burdens.....** “*I feel a burden for a certain thing.*” This can be an intense feeling, a noticeable feeling or even a heavy feeling. It could be for someone bound up or are addicted or anything. It’s God’s way of leading you into what He’s called you to do and be with your life. If you can forget it, it probably isn’t God.

Saturday:

How many of you want to know what your purpose here is? “*Why am I here?*” If the answer is, “*I don’t know*”, that’s why you have to go to the Father. The generalities are all in the Bible, but the specific stuff can only come from Him.

- • **Silence.....** Helps us to become aware of His presence. God is always waiting on you. So when He’s silent, don’t worry about it. He knows what He’s doing. Just take advantage of His presence.
- • **Confirmation.....** Someone else tells you something that confirms something that you believe God has been saying to you.

Hearing by the spirit is having a hearing ear. God is really attracted to those who want a relationship with Him, because that’s more important to Him than anything. It’s the relationship that sets you on the path of where God wants you, so that you can hear Him better.

So, get desperate to hear Him. We need to get really familiar with the Spirit of God. Discipline yourself to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Be obedient to what you believe you hear.

I’m just like you, in that when you hear something, you think, “*I think that could be the Lord*”. You’ll never know for sure until you mix your faith with that. So you need to start using it. Remember, be strong. You have strong faith, as much as anyone else.

