

## Hearing God 201 - #2

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### **Last Week:**

Established the fact (*without reservations*) that God, the Father has spoken which is contained in the Written Word, the Bible, ....but is still speaking. And, that we, as sons and daughters have been sovereignly positioned in this generation to hear His voice and behave and act accordingly.

**John 5:39-40** - *“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life”*

**John 10:27** - *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”*

**John 16:12-16** - *“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you”*

**Matthew 4:4** - *“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”*

***“Just like natural food nourishes the physical body, His food \*(His Word and however He chooses to express it) nourishes the soul and spirit of man!. Without ti we are obviously undernourished!” AT***

**Dallas Willard:** *“We can get by in life with a God who does not speak. Many at least think they do. But it is not much of a life; and it is certainly not the life God intends for us or the abundance of life that Jesus Christ came to make available”*  
*\*”Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God”*

*“Your life will only be as full and as successful \*(according to the Father’s plan for you) to the extent you’re willing to make hearing God a priority!” AT*

### **Why does God speak?**

- Because He can....and He wants to!
- He created man to have someone He could interact with
- And, ....someone He could express His love to!
- Love is an active thing. It needs an object for it’s focus
- God IS love!
- He’s a Father....and He ‘wants’ to communicate with His sons and daughters!
- He delights in the possibility of the two of you interacting/ communicating
- **To reveal His love and His will to us!**
- Establish - He wants to talk to you! *(not necessary someone else)*
- If you can imagine: God wants to talk to you even more than you might want to hear!
- SAY - - *“God wants to speak to me”*
- SAY - - *“I want to ear what the Father has to say to me”*

### **How does God speak?**

#### **Some of the ways in which God ‘speaks’**

- Unlimited ways
- **Audibly** - **Acts 9:4** - *“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”*
- **The written Word** - **Matthew 4:4** - *“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’”*
- **Dreams and visions** - **Acts 2:17** - *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.”*
- **Signs and wonders** - **Mark 16:17** - *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover....”*

- **The Gifts of the Spirit:** - **1 Corinthians 12** - *Word of knowledge, word of wisdom, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues*
- **Through the elements - Acts 2:2** - *“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind...”*
- **Nature - Psalms 19:1** - *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”*
- **Birds, animals, fish: Matthew 3:16** - *“He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him.”*
- **Sounds - Acts 2:2** - *“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind...”*
- **Colors - Revelation 21:21** - *“The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”*
- **Numbers - Matthew 4:1-2** - *“Jesus was led up by the Spirit... to be tempted forty days.”*
- **Through life events - Philippians 4:19** - *“My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory.”*
- **Still small voice \*(my personal favorite) - 1 Kings 19:11-12** - *“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; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.”*
- **Through other people - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4** - *“God... comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God”*

**Also:**

- **Angels** - communicates direction or instruction through angelic messengers
- **Peace** - the Father confirms by peace
- **Conviction** - A feeling given by the Spirit that is able to direct
- **Inner witness** - a feeling confirming a human response (feels right)
- **Remembrance** - *“I will bring to your remembrance”*

- **Authority** - God speaking through elevated spiritual authority
- **Questions** - God, by the Spirit, questioning us and helping to lead us
- **Timing** - He accelerates and delays timing according to His will for us
- **Burden** - a noticeable feeling of importance
- **Joy** - a tangible feeling of gladness or elation
- **Commissioning** - Calling us into the call and destiny of our life
- **Visitation** - an overwhelming awareness of His presence
- **Silence** - He withholds according to His will; Silence helps us become aware of His presence
- **Conscience** - we're born with a conscience to help direct our lives
- **Unity** - confirmation given by the Father, ....or someone to establish His will
- **Love** - the tangible feeling of the Father's love
- These are sure things that are given by the Spirit revealing the heart, the plans, the directions the Father has for you
- The Key is to develop a hearing ear for the things of God

### **Developing a hearing ear:**

- *"He that has an ear to hear..."*
- What is a *'hearing ear'*?
- Desire - the Father's attention is attracted to those who want relationship, influence, direction, etc.
- Those who are desperate to hear Him are the ones who actually do!
- Establish the fact He wants to speak to you
- Continue to develop your relationship with the Holy Spirit; He's the One Who takes that of the Father and gives to you.
- Discipline yourself to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit
- Be obedient to what you *'believe'* you hear
- You man not know for sue until you add your faith to what you *'believe'* He's said