



## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

**Imagine the God who spoke creation into existence speaking into your heart!**

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### **IF YOU WANT TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE...**

1. Dedicate a specific place and time to meet with God. Give it the highest priority. (Matthew 6:5-8)
  - Abraham's altars in Genesis 6:8, 13:1-4
2. Because of our daily schedule, we must buy back (exchange) the time. (Ephesians 5:15-16)
3. Expect our Mighty God to speak to you! (John 10:11-30)
4. Have a notepad and pen available to write down what God may say to you. (Habakkuk 2:2-3)
5. Be patient, it may take trial and error. (1 Samuel 3:8-9)
  - At times we all fear we may miss God's call. However, God has promised that those who seek him *will* find him, and that His Spirit will help us in this task. As long as we are desiring to know God, and want to obey him, we *will* hear God's voice when he speaks (John 10:11-30).

### **WHAT IS GOD'S VOICE LIKE?**

Here are only a few characteristics...

1. **It's a whisper in the storm** (1 Kings 19:11-12) — After a great, miraculous show of God's power, Elijah "saw" Jezebel and, in great fear, ran into the wilderness. He then traveled to a cave in Horeb, the mountain of God. As he stood in the entrance of the cave God brought a wind, an earthquake, and fire. But the Lord was not in those things! Then Elijah heard a still, small voice (literally, a delicate whisper).

- God does not need calamities to speak to us. Train yourself to hear His Voice *in the midst of life's confusion*.
2. **God's Voice, His thoughts, and His ways are different from our thoughts and ways** (Isaiah 55:8-9) — He is all powerful, all knowing, present everywhere at the same time and sees the end from the beginning.
    - As we give God the reins of our life He can guide us through dangerous spiritual terrain.
    - He knows the “whys.” He’s able to provide wisdom in the place of confusion, and peace in the midst of anxiety.
  3. **God's Voice is creative** (Isaiah 55:10-11) — Just as the purpose of a seed is to become a plant with fruit, so God's Word has the power to germinate His life and power into the one who trusts (and obeys) His Voice.
    - God spoke into the emptiness and created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1-2) and hung the stars in their place (Job 38)! If God delivered us from the power of the devil through the death of His Son and raised Him to life again, is He not able to bring resurrected life to you (Romans 8:11)?

#### **FINAL WORD...**

It is imperative that we learn to recognize God's Voice in the midst of today's turmoil. His Voice is the **ONLY** place of peace and power. He's asking us to simply come to Him (Matthew 11:28-30)!

Go to your “prayer closet,” the place of power, and live the life of victory He has designed for you.

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