

Hearing God's Voice

Text: *John 10:27-28; Isaiah 30:21; John 16:13; Jeremiah 33:3; Luke 11: 28*

Does God really speak to people?
How do we know when God is speaking to us?

We need to understand that it is the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom.

Luke 12:32

Fear not... for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

It is the heart of God to communicate to us everything that belongs to Him.

Ex. Manny Pacquiao is an eight-division world boxing champion. His life was changed when he heard the voice of God. He said...

"People are surprised by the way I have changed my life." He said that, "... in that time and age, I knew I could do whatever I wanted. But I changed when I heard the voice of God, and I can testify that there is a God."

My personal journey... I was taught to establish some spiritual disciplines which would become the foundation of my own life -

reading and meditating God's Word, prayer and fellowship.

Every believer has the same access to God, our Father.

Ephesians 2:18

For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

You and I have the same access to the Father because we all received the same Holy Spirit.

John 16:13

*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but **whatever He hears He will speak**, and **He will declare to you the things that are to come.***

Sometimes, the reason we don't hear is because we are in the wrong frequency e.g. AM band & FM band

HOW DO WE FINE TUNE OURSELVES SO WE CAN CLEARLY HEAR FROM GOD?

Here are some ways...

A. By reading the Word of God

This is the right starting point.

When we read the Bible we are aligning our thoughts to the thoughts of God, our heart to the heart of God.

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways...

The world can inform us but only the WORD can transform us.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

The B.I.B.L.E. is the manual of life.

We cannot say that God is not speaking if our Bible is close all the time.

The most practical way to hear Him speaking to us is through reading the BIBLE.

The Bible is God's Word to us.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

B. By praying everyday

Prayer is a dialogue not a monologue.

We speak to God and we let God speak to us.
The purpose of our prayer must be to hear from God.

As we create more time, we start getting the right signal and slowly we start hearing His Spirit speaking within our hearts allowing us to understand His will in our life.

His Spirit communicates to our spirit the things of God.

1 Cor. 2:10 - But God has revealed it to us by the Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

C. *By maintaing a right relationship with God*

Knowing Him is different from ***knowing about Him.***

We will never listen or follow someone who we do not know.

We will never really know someone not unless we spend quality time with him/her.

We will never spend quality time with the person not unless we want to have a personal,

deeper, ongoing, growing relationship with the person.

Ex. You all know **about** me, but Tess is the only one who knows me well.

Many people **know about** Jesus but only a few **know Him**.

Many people **know about** Jesus but only a few have a deep personal, ongoing, growing relationship with Jesus.

Jesus is our greatest example.

a. Jesus knew and read the scriptures.

Luke 4:1-13. *3 times He said, "It is written.."*

b. Jesus prayed everyday.

Luke 5: 16 - *So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.*

Also read Matt. 14:23; Mark 6:46; Mark 1:35

c. Jesus had close and intimate relationship with the Father.

John 10:30 - I and the Father are one.

Also read John 14:31; John 5:19