



Hearing the Voice of God Pt. 3

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Open in prayer

Ice Breaker: If you could own your own business or be in any profession, what would it be?

Read Romans 12:2

- Do you believe God still speaks to people?
- Can you share a time when you heard the voice of God with certainty? How were you certain?
- What do you think is our biggest obstacle to hearing from God?
- Why do you think God chooses to speak to us in the ways that he does?

The Big Idea: Sometimes in the life of a Christian, there is confusion in determining the voice of God. Is this God? Is this me? Is this the devil? Can we know for sure? Scripture guides us in several steps to clearly distinguish God's voice.

Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will."

John 10:3-4 - "The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."

1 John 4:1 - "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God..."

- Has someone ever given you word from the Lord? Did you recognize it to be true? Why or why not?
- Why might well-meaning people give false words or prophecies from the Lord?
- How should we proceed when sharing words or prophecies with others?

How do we recognize the voice of God? How do we distinguish his voice?

1. Does it agree with the Bible?

Pastor Loren said, "God's voice will never contradict God's Word." How do our Bible reading habits affect the way we hear from God?



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2. Does this make me more like Jesus?

If I follow through on this word, will it make me more like Jesus? Jesus is the standard by which I evaluate every thought, every idea, every philosophy, every opinion, and every fad. I hold it up against Jesus Christ. After salvation, God's purpose in your life is to make you like Jesus.

Romans 8:29 - "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son..."

The more I hear the voice of God, the more I respond to his voice, the more I become like Jesus in my character.

3. Does my church family affirm this?

How does the church family play an important role in hearing God's voice?

Proverbs 11:14 - "Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety."

You were meant to live life in relationship to other people. Proverbs says, "Iron sharpens iron."

We see this principle of mentorship in Scripture. Those mature in the faith help develop the faith of the younger. If God has genuinely spoken to you, other believers, who also hear God's voice will confirm it.

4. Is it consistent with how God shaped me?

Pastor Loren said, "God is going to guide and direct your life according to how he has designed you... You are shaped by God in a certain way. God has given you abilities and talents. His voice will call you to use those talents for His glory." How have you felt God leading you specifically in your life pursuits?

5. Do I sense God's peace about it?

1 Corinthians 14:33 - "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace..."

Reflection and Application

- What can we do to tune in to God everyday wherever we are?
- Become familiar with the voice of God
- Tune out the things that oppose God
- Take steps toward what God has spoken