

HEARING GOD

Ways God Speaks

Message 2

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► Outline

God speaks in different ways, and we don't always recognize His voice.

Job 33:14 (CEV)

A. Introduction

(Job 33:14; Acts 2:17)

B. Ways to Hear God:

1. An _____ voice.

(Matthew 3:16-17; 17:5-6; John 12:28-30; Acts 9:3-7)

2. Appearance of _____.

**(Daniel 9:20-22; Zechariah 1:9,14; Luke 1:11-19;
Acts 8:26-29)**

3. Apply the _____.

**(John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12;
2 Peter 1:20-21)**

4. Allow the _____ Leadership.

**(John 14:26; 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12;
Galatians 5:16)**

5. Accept _____ Advice.

**(Psalm 37:30; Acts 21:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:7-8;
1 Thessalonians 2:13)**

6. Anticipate _____ and _____.

(Job 33:15; Matthew 1:20; Acts 2:17; 10:1-5)

7. Analyze _____ and _____.

**(Jeremiah 18:1-6; Acts 1:23-26; 16:6-7;
Philippians 1:12-14)**

Answers: 1. Audible 2. Angels 3. Bible 4. Spirit's 5. People's 6. Dreams, Visions
7. Signs, Circumstances

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

What's your favorite place to spend time with God?

Prayer

Spend a few minutes in silence with God. Ask God to help you hear Him in new and different ways. Say yes in your spirit to all He has for you.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

God speaks primarily through Scripture, revealing Himself to us.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

1. Describe a time when God spoke to you through the Scriptures.
2. What verses or passages have helped you hear God the most?

Looking back on our lives helps us see where we might have missed God speaking to us through various ways.

- Silence
- Thoughts
- People
- Music
- Dreams/Visions
- Nature
- Steps of Faith
- Suffering
- Circumstances/Past Experiences

3. As you look back on your life, think of and describe times when you heard God speaking to you in these ways.
4. How do you prepare your heart to hear God throughout the day?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-12.

5. What do these verses tell us about hearing God through the words of others?
6. Who are the people who help you hear God's voice? How do you help others hear His voice?

Read Philippians 1:12-14.

7. As this letter was written, where were Paul and Timothy, and what were their circumstances?
8. What does Paul say happened during his imprisonment? How do you feel knowing God can work through your circumstances?

Read Acts 9:3-11.

9. How and why did Jesus speak to Saul on the road to Damascus? What did Jesus tell him to do?
10. Ananias also heard from Jesus. How did Jesus communicate with him, and what did Ananias have to do?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

As David wrote in Psalm 19, God speaks through His creation. Spend time outside each day this week reading Scripture and talking to God. Give God time to speak and take time to listen.

Memory Verse

'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out My Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.'

Acts 2:17 (NLT)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: Matthew 3:16-17 Day 4: John 16:13
Day 2: Daniel 9:20-22 Day 5: 1 Corinthians 12:7-8
Day 3: Hebrews 4:12

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 25, we'll continue our series *Hearing God*. To prepare, read **1 Corinthians 2:10-16**.

