

# The Language of God

## Deciphering a World Full of God's Voice

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<sup>11</sup> The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

1 Kings 19:11-13

### A COMMON QUALITY OF GOD'S VOICE —

#### STILL AND SMALL

- Messianic Secrecy Motif
- He spoke in parables

### A COMMON QUALITY OF THOSE WHO HEAR FROM GOD

*He who has ears, let him hear. Matthew 13:9*

- What the disciples have is ears — figure of speech meaning attention.

They have ears. In other words, they've turned down the noise, they are listening, available, open.

### LIKE JESUS

*And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.*

Mark 1:35

### GOD DIGS SPACE

The Hebrew word for Salvation is *yasha*. The root meaning is "make wide" in contrast to *sarar*, "narrow," which means "be restricted" or "cause distress."

*I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.*

Psalm 118:5

### THAT'S BECAUSE THE SPECIAL EFFECT OF SPACE IS THAT IT CREATES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR RELATIONSHIP.

*Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.*

1 Kings 19:18

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart (*lev*) and with all your soul (*nephesh*) and with all your strength (*meod*).*

Deuteronomy 6:5

*lev* (heart), *nephesh* (soul or life), and *meod* (muchness)

- These mean the WHOLE SELF

**What is cluttering my spirit (heart/will) and keeping me from hearing you Lord?**

**What is cluttering my mind (thoughts and feelings) and keeping me from hearing you Lord?**

**What is cluttering my body and keeping me from hearing you Lord?**

**What is cluttering my social life and keeping me from hearing you Lord?**