

Wait, Was that God?

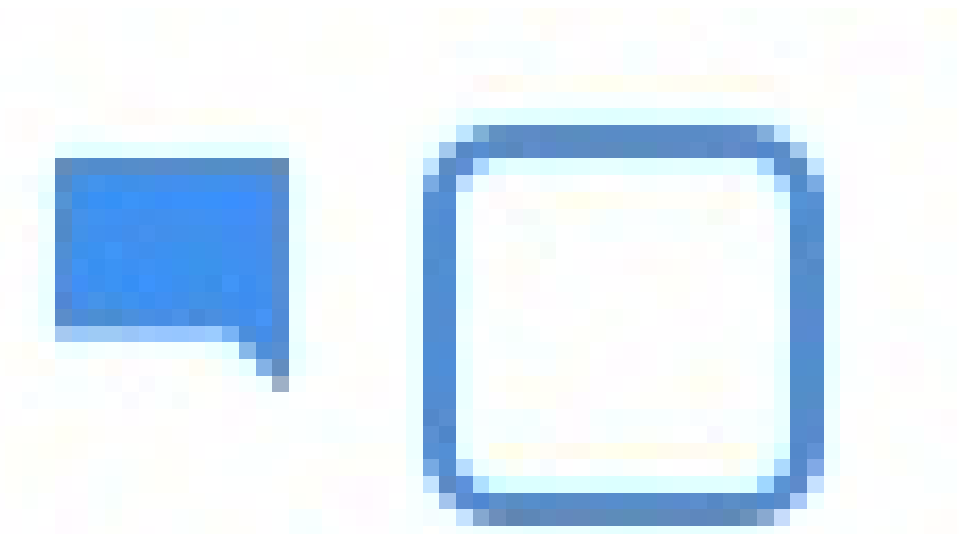


Becoming Familiar with the Voice of the Spirit

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Part of God Speaks Recognizing the Voice of God

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🕒 *Hint: To reveal a fill in answer, type any letter into a blank then hit return. Then tap “reveal answer.”*

Despite your doubts, dare to believe that God wants to speak to you — and that’s a good thing!

SAMPLING OF THE “WAYS” GOD SPEAKS TO US

The primary manner of communication from God to humankind is the Word of God, of God’s speaking. The bible itself is God’s speaking preserved in written form. God spoke directly to Moses, to Ezekiel to Paul and to may other. Through them he spoke indirectly to people of Israel and to the church, and not - in the Bible - he speaks to world history.

—Dallas Willard, Hearing God p.53

✓ **“God’s Word”** (2 Timothy 3:16)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

—2 Timothy 3:16

✓ **Inner voice** (Proverbs 20:27)

The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the innermost parts of his being.

—Proverbs 20:27

✓ **The Peace of Christ** (Colossians 3:15)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

—Colossians 3:15 (ESV)

✓ **Human voices** (Colossians 3:16)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom.

—Col. 3:16 (ESV)

✓ **Discernment** (John 16:13)

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth

—John 16:13

QUESTION: “HOW DO I KNOW THAT WAS GOD?”

- BIBLE — Learn the kind of things God is likely to say.
- CROSS-CURRENT

8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts

—Isaiah 55:8-9

- RECURRING
- WEIGHT hebrew: “q’v od”
- CONFIRMED

19 Do not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good 22 abstain from every form every appearance of evil.

—1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

**“Why doesn’t God just SAY IT?” That’ll settle it!”...
He has. It didn’t.**

27 “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” 29 So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.” 30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. 31 Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

—John 12:27-32

WE WILL ALWAYS NEED FAITH (to step out and trust God.)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

—2 Corinthians 5:7

For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

—Hebrews 4:2

IMPROVING MY HEARING

1. SEEK to hear as a part of a conversational relationship.

- Is there something blocking?
 - Are there other voices that I need to filter out?
 - Do I really WANT to hear? (This is about surrender.)
2. Remember stuff God's already said (try journaling).
 3. Join a community / a group of people all trying to walk with Jesus.
 4. Become Jesus' "Sheep."
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✉ *Email these notes to yourself in order to save them!*