

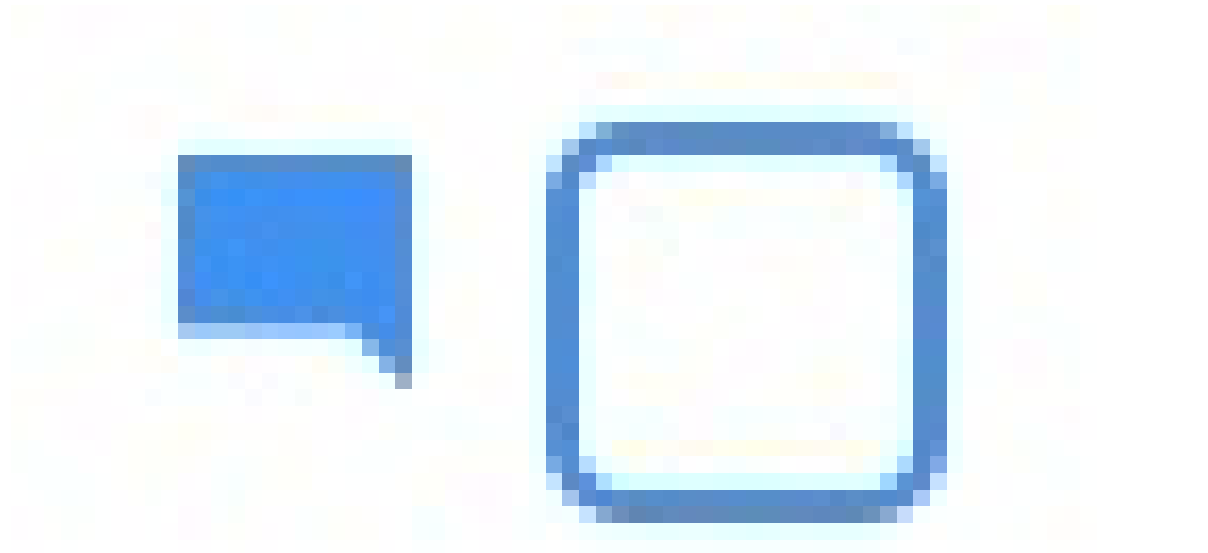
You Talking to Me?

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

Think about...

✓ **GOD’S PLAN:** “with... friend... better”

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and take up residence WITH him.

—John 14:23

“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you FRIENDS, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

—John 15:15

“But I tell you the truth, it is BETTER that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

—John 16:7

- ✓ GOD’S NATURE: God’s nature is to speak, reveal!

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

—Genesis 1:3

- ✓ GOD’S BOOK: Portrays a God who will use almost any means to communicate to people.

FOR EXAMPLE

Sense of presence

Burning Bushes

The “voice”

Quasi-human visitor (Theophany)

Miracles & Judgments

Dreams/ Trances / Vision

Prophets

Providential Circumstances

Inspired songs/ poems

27 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam was angry and struck the donkey with his stick. 28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?” 29 Then Balaam said to the donkey, “Because you have made a mockery of me! If there had been a sword in my hand, I would have killed you by now.”

—Numbers 22:27-29

The ideal for hearing from God is finally determined by who God is, what kind of beings we are and what a personal relationship between ourselves and God should be like...understanding how God speaks to us should be sought only as a part of certain kind of life, a life of loving fellowship with the king and his other subjects within the Kingdom of heaven.

So union with God – his presence with us, in which our aloneness is banished and the meaning and full purpose of life of human existence is realized – consists chiefly in conversational relationship with God while we are engaged as his friend and co-laborer in the affairs of the Kingdom of heaven.

—*Hearing God, Dallas Willard*

“SO HOW DOES THIS WORK?”

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH...

CREATION (Father)

19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

—*Romans 1:19-20*

“The WORD” (Son)

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. [Definitive, ultimate word – interpret every other word via Jesus] 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

—*Hebrews 1:1-3*

SPIRIT (Holy Spirit)

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba!”

Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

—Romans 8:14-16

"Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return. Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself."

—Thomas Kelly, A Testament of Devotion

WE GET STARTED BY...

1. Dropping our unbelief ("lil' ol' me" and/or "Really???")
- ..2. Deciding I want to hear God and will learn how!
- ..3. "That might have been God" — Do a life history and mark possible communication from God.
- ..4. Hearing the word that opens the floodgates: Jesus

26 "But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

—John 10:26-28

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