



WHEN GOD WHISPERS YOUR NAME

May 17, 2020

Have you ever heard someone say, "God said to me . . ." and wondered how they could be so confident that it was God speaking to them? Have you ever wondered what God's voice sounds like? Would you know it if you heard it? Throughout the scriptures, we frequently read about people hearing God's voice. While it is different every time, there are certain patterns we can observe. Join us for a message from 1 Samuel and tips for recognizing God's voice.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3

Ten Tips for Recognizing God's Voice:

1. "God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the _____ , _____ , _____ , and the _____ to reveal _____, His _____, and His _____." - Henry Blackaby
2. God is much more concerned with who you're _____ than in what you are _____.
3. God _____ you to _____ what He wants you to _____.
4. Stop _____ what God _____ said.
5. Create _____ to hear from God.
6. God's ways of speaking to you will be _____ to you and your situation.
7. Listen for God's _____ in the _____ of the people He places around you.
8. When God _____, obey Him immediately.
9. God's word to you will be _____ but not necessarily _____.
10. _____ your spiritual journey.

SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR "PAUSE":

- 40 Days to Lasting Change: An AHA Challenge**, Kyle Idleman
- 40 Days of Purpose**, Rick Warren
- A Call to Die**, David Nasser
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**, Peter Scazzero
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day**, Peter Scazzero
- Ninety Days with the Disciple Jesus Loves**, Gary Lee Webber
- My Utmost for His Highest**, Oswald Chambers
- Morning and Evening**, Charles Spurgeon

Other sermons you may want to check out at ssbc.org
Awakening (2015)

RightNow Media Recommendation:

Hearing God by Dallas Willard

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- ssbc.org

Dial-A-Sermon is a new resource we've made available. Just call 904-447-3021.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2020)

HANGOUT (Warming up to the topic)

1. Do you have any lingering questions or thoughts related to this week's teaching or daily readings?
2. Do you believe God speaks in an audible voice? Have you ever heard God, audibly or otherwise?

HEAR (Listening to God through scripture)

3. In this week's teaching, Pastor Gary shared this quote from Henry Blackaby: "God speaks by the **Holy Spirit** through the **Bible**, **prayer**, **circumstances**, and the **church** to reveal **Himself**, His **purposes**, and His **ways**."
 - What part of that quote stands out to you and why?
 - How important is the Holy Spirit in hearing and knowing God's voice?
 - Can you give an example of a time when God spoke to you through the Bible? Through prayer? Through circumstance? Through the church?
 - According to Blackaby, what are the three reasons God speaks to us? Do you think that list is exhaustive? Why or why not?
4. In 1 Samuel 1-3, we read about three people to whom God spoke: Hannah, Samuel, and Eli.
 - Which of these three stands out to you and why?
 - Samuel had two different spiritual mentors in Hannah and Eli. What unique lessons did Samuel learn from each?
 - Who was your earliest spiritual role model and what did you learn about hearing God's voice from that person?
5. Pastor Gary shared ten tips for recognizing God's voice.
 - Which tip was most meaningful to you and why?
 - What questions do you have about the tips mentioned?
 - Which tips will you apply this week as you seek to hear and obey God?

HUDDLE (Making it personal and praying together - in huddles)

6. Is there some direction God has given that you are not obeying? How do you think your disobedience affects your ability to hear from God? When was the last time you heard from God? What did He say to you? Talk about it, invite accountability, and take time to pray.

DAILY READING:

Monday: 1 Samuel 1

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 2

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4

Friday: Exodus 2

Saturday: Exodus 3 and 4

Sunday: Acts 1 and 2