

Podcast Episode Notes

Season 1 Episode 5 Hearing the Voice of God

When was the last time you heard God's voice? Is that even possible today? There are many ways He communicates with us but it's important that we discern if what we have heard through Scripture, the Holy Spirit's impressions and through others is from Him. Learn about the "triple confirmation" test and how to hear the voice of God.

There are four voices we hear:

- 1) Our own thoughts and experiences - 2 Corinthians 10:5)
- 2) The opinions of others
- 3) The devil's influence
- 4) The voice of God

How does God communicate with us?

- 1) Through the Scriptures – Psalm 119:105, Joshua 1:8
- 2) Through Waiting on God – Luke 6:12-16 (prayer), Acts 13:3-2 (worship, fasting)
- 3) Through the Holy Spirit's Impressions – Acts 8:26-40. Acts 16:6-10
- 4) Through Peace – Colossians 3:15, (Dave's process: seek God → make a decision week in advance → sit on it for a week to see if the Holy Spirit confirms it through peace)
- 5) Through Circumstances – open and closed doors (Revelation 3 and Acts 16), Henry Blackaby's advice "Look where God is working and join Him in it."
- 6) Through People – family and friends (Exodus 18), believers functioning in their gifts (Acts 11:27-30), spiritual leaders (Joshua 1:10-18)
- 7) Through Supernatural Means – visions and dreams (Matthew 2:13-25), whatever means God chooses (e.g. Numbers 22:21-35)

Practical Discernment Points

- 1) Is it Scriptural? The Holy Spirit will never ask us to do something that is contrary to the Scriptures, violate the value of people or lead someone to do something outside the Biblical attitude of walking under authority.
- 2) Is it in line with God's character and ways?
- 3) Does it glorify Jesus? Does it "enhance His reputation in the eyes of others?"
- 4) Does it bear witness to other believers and spiritual leaders that you're walking with?
- 5) Does it meet the "triple confirmation" test? A) Scriptural B) Holy Spirit bearing witness within you and C) Confirmation of other godly people in your life

For more on this subject, check out Chapter 5 in *A Discipleship Journey*, Lionshare's primary tool for discipleship [here](#).

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