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**Title:** Can you hear me now?

**Text:** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Rev. 2:7a)

“Speak, for your servant hears.” (1 Samuel 3:10)

**Target:** Experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives begins with an understanding of how to **Recognize the Holy Spirit** and how to **Respond to the Holy Spirit**.

- I. **The Holy Spirit (ONLY) Speaks Truth:** “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...” (John 14:16-17a)
  - A. **Conveys Truth:** “He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (John 14:26)
  - B. **Declares Truth:** “He will guide you into all the truth... whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16:13)
- II. **The Holy Spirit (FREQUENTLY) Bears Witness:** “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” (Romans 8:16)
  - A. **Compelling Sentiment:** “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.” (Luke 4:1)
    1. **Peace & Comfort:** (Romans 8:6)
    2. **Burden & Conviction:** (Acts 13:2)
    3. **Experience & Hardship:** (1 Thess 1:7)
  - B. **Constraining Evidence:** “For I am full of words, the spirit within me constrains me.” (Job 32:18)
    1. **No Opportunity/ Timing is Right:** (Acts 16:6)
    2. **Timing is Wrong/ Given Opportunity:** (Acts 16:7)
    3. **Timing is Right/Given Opportunity:** (Acts 8:29)
- III. **The Holy Spirit (SPECIFICALLY) Gives Insight:**
  - A. **Receiving Illumination:** “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.” (Ephesians 1:17)
    1. **Supernatural Manifestation:** (Acts 2:4)
    2. **Prophetic Impartations:** (1 Thess. 5:20-21)
    3. **Dreams & Visions Realization:** (Acts 2:17)
  - B. **Getting Confirmation:** “And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” (Acts 5:32)
    1. **Godly Counsel:** (1 Cor. 2:13)
    2. **Biblical Validation:** (2 Peter 1:21)
- IV. **The Holy Spirit (EAGERLY) Waits to be Wanted:** “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:13)
  - A. **Seek the Holy Spirit:** “you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)
  - B. **Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit:** “Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!” (Psalm 143:10)
  - C. **Synced with the Holy Spirit:** “And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” (Ezekiel 36:27)

**Takeaway:** Hearing the VOICE of the Holy Spirit is not about VOLUME; it is about VALUE.