

## Listen to His Voice

There is a video of a man describing his experience in a small aircraft. He describes taking off with his very experienced pilot and everything is good. He feels confident. But as they ascend the pilot says, I don't feel well, you will need to fly this plane and immediately his eyes rolled back in his head. This man picked up the mike that he had heard the pilot speak on and said, "hey, we need help". Another pilot heard him and called for help to reach out to them. An air traffic controller from the nearest airport found them on the radar and said, "look, I am going to help you land. But you have to listen to my voice. Do not trust any of your senses and what you might see, just trust ME! Listen to ME! And I will get you safely home". At one point the controller said turn right and the man said, "I AM turning right". The controller said "no, you seem to be but don't trust it. Turn right and follow my voice! If you stay this course, you will crash into a mountain in about 4 min." They did just what he told them and soon they landed, a pretty bumpy landing but they were on the ground. The man realized immediately that this experience was like our life with God. It can be bumpy, it can be frightening, it can be rough. But if we just listen to his leading.... He will get us home.

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.

John 3:27 <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

I have talked before about knowing God's voice. I am not going to tell you that I hear His voice every time I need guidance but I can tell you that the times that I need guidance (every day) and the times I am more grounded in the Bible and prayer, THOSE are the days I hear more clearly, and feel more confidently about God's leading. In order to really hear His voice we do need to be in prayer and in the Word. I can tell you, I am not there yet. I keep writing because at least it makes me spend some time in the word every week. But I have work to do! I believe with all my heart that AI is going to play a large part in the deception of God's people. So, we need to do whatever we can to hear HIS voice and not be deceived.

Matt:24:4-5 <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. <sup>5</sup> For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matt: 24- For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

1 Tim 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Help us Lord, to be faithful to you and to know your voice. AMEN

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