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Being Led by the Spirit: Listening for God's Voice



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1. Jesus calls you by name.

John 10:4 The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.



Truth to Live: The enemy knows your name but calls you by your sin and failure.

Jesus knows all your sin, all your failures and He calls you by name!

Jesus calls you to become the masterpiece He saved you to be and He promises to lead you if you will listen to Him.



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- 3. Listening for God's Voice**

The Word of God and the Whisper of the Holy Spirit will always be in sync with each other. They will never give you different information or direction.



John 16:7-15 (ESV) 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage 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. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. you.



John 16:7-15 (ESV) 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



Learning to Listen to God's Voice

- L** - Look to know God more than His answers
- I** - Invite God to speak to you from His Word.
- S** - Stillness is required for listening.
- T** - Test what you hear with other Scriptures and wise counsel
- E** - Expect God to Speak
- N** - Now obey what He has told you to do out of love.



4. The Holy Spirit brings Conviction that leads to transformation.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of:

- **Sin - leading us to faith in Jesus**
- **Righteousness - Learning to trust fully in the righteousness of Jesus**
- **Judgment - Resting in the authority of Jesus.**



Recognizing the voice of Satan our Accuser

Satan speaks in temptations to:

- **Deceive you, (Revelation 20:7-8)**
- **Bring Oppression, (Acts 10:38)**
- **Discourage (Numbers 32:6-10)**
- **Inspire rage, anger & malice, (Ephesians 4:31)**



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- Guilt and shame (Romans 5:5)
- Bitterness, (Colossians 3:19)
- Confusion, (Acts 19:32)
- Rationalize sin, (Isaiah 5:20)
- Lying, (I John 2:4)
- Doubting God's Word, (Hebrews 3:12)
- Division in your family, church, relationships, (Mark 3:25)
- Disobeying the Word of God, (Joshua 5:6)



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- Fearfulness, (Mark 4:40)
- Losing hope, (Job 7:1-15)
- Becoming dismayed, (Joshua 1:9)
- Seeking revenge, (Ezekiel 25:15)
- Cursing God, (Job 2:9)
- Unforgiveness, (Matthew 6:15)
- To be ashamed of the gospel, (Mark 8:38)
- To think you cannot hear God's voice, (John 10:10)



A. SEPARATING Conviction from Condemnation.

- **Conviction leads to a change of DIRECTION.**

1 Thessalonians 1:4-6 (NIV) 4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit works to turn the direction of your life, and relationships around and return you to the Lord and to His good plan for you.



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- Conviction leads to a change of **DIRECTION**.
- Condemnation leads to **DESTRUCTION**.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (ESV) Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith,



B. Recognizing the SOURCES of Condemnation.

SATAN is against us. Revelation 12:10

SOCIAL - The World (Culture) is around us.

SELF (our old nature or flesh) is within us.



Recognizing Conviction of the Holy spirit verses condemnation of the enemy

The Holy Spirit whispers to our spirit	Satan speaks to our flesh
Uses Scripture accurately in context to give life	Twists God's Word for his purposes of bringing defeat, despair and death
Reminds us of God's holiness	Tells us of our worthlessness
Sense of God-consciousness through the Word	Sense of self-consciousness through feelings
Generally deals with one specific thing at a time	Throws the "whole book" at you
Usually a quiet voice	Usually major clamoring
Specific with a path to repentance and reconciliation	General guilt with confusion
Corrects	Accuses



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Deals with un-confessed sin	Brings us past confessed sins
Encourages to obedience	Discourages to despair
Gives peace with a sense of confirmation	Gives pressure with a sense of frustration
Leads to a life of balance	Leads to a life of bondage
Speaks with love and sincerity	Deals in anger and manipulation



Jesus came to break the **CHAINS** of condemnation.

Romans 8:1-4 ESV There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (3) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, (4) in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



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C. Jesus is our SALVATION from all Condemnation.

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Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21



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And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. John 14:16



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But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26



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9. To hear God's whisper, you must be still and wait.

Psalms 62:1-2 (ESV) 1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.



Psalms 62:5 (ESV) 5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

Stillness (being silent) leads to peace and rest

Psalms 62:6-7 (ESV) 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.



**What David heard in the waiting, the Whisper of God's voice...
*Psalms 62:11-12 (ESV) 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I
heard this: that power belongs to God, 12 and that to you, O
Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man
according to his work.***

**In the stillness David heard:
God is in control no matter how the circumstances look right now.
God has a steadfast love for men that is as powerful as God's strength.
God will reward faithfulness.**



Actively Listen to God's Word

Active Listening:

- Read (out loud slowly),
- Reflect (meditate/be still),
- Respond (speak back what God says and make a choice to obey),
- Rest (in God's Promises),
- Rejoice (praise God for who He is and what He is doing)



- **Actively Listen to God's Word**
- **Be intentional about learning the tone of the Spirit's voice and test it with Scripture.**
- **Find a Whispering spot.**
- **Choose to wait, choose to be still and know that He is God and that He loves you with a steadfast love.**



Revelation 3:20-22 (ESV) 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. 21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”



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Revelation 3:15-20 (ESV) 15 “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.



Revelation 3:18-20 (ESV) 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.



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- ***Actively Listen to God's Word***
- ***Be intentional about learning the tone of the Spirit's voice and test it with Scripture.***
- ***Listen for the whisper of the Holy Spirit drawing you closer to God.***
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