Learning to hear the voice of God, Part 2

HAVING FAITH WHEN GOD SEEMS SILENT

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." – John 10:27 Peoples Church – Midweek April 27, 2016

When he is quiet, who can condemn? When he hides his face, who can behold him, whether it be a nation or a man? **Job 34:39**

HOW GOD SPEAKS

God often speaks through people, Holy Spirit, Bible

WHAT SILENCE <u>Doesn't</u> SAY ABOUT GOD...

Silence Doesn't Mean God Isn't <u>Listening</u> To Your Prayers

"In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears." **Psalm 18:6**

Silence Doesn't Mean God Has Stopped <u>Working</u> In Your Life

Philippians 1:6 reminds us that "God will be faithful to finish the work he began in you."

Silence Doesn't Mean He Is <u>Absent</u> Or <u>Distant</u>

Silence Doesn't Mean God Has <u>Rejected</u> You

Silence Doesn't Have To Be <u>Awkward</u>. The Key Is Feeling <u>Secure</u>.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. **Isaiah 55:8-9**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **Matthew 7:7-8**

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Sheep Need A <u>Shepherd</u>

Jesus Is A <u>Good</u> Shepherd

We Need to Learn To <u>Hear</u> The Shepherd's <u>Voice</u>

The Key is __Obedience_____

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. **1 John 2:3-6**