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- Deepen your relationship with Him

Hearing God Should be Normal

Adam and Eve: Genesis 2:16-17

And the Lord God told the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Noah: Genesis 6

 God tells Noah very detailed information about the ark's structure, wood to use, animals, family to take, and more.

Abraham: Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you. And I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Moses: Exodus 3

- Hears God's instructions clearly
- Debates with God

Others in Old Testament

• Samuel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, David, Elijah...

All of Jesus' Disciples: John 10

"And the sheep hear the shepherd's voice; and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. And when He brings out His own sheep, He goes before them; and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice...And other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice. And there will be one flock and one shepherd...My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

Ananias (a believer): Acts 9:11-16

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

Cornelius (a seeker): Acts 10:3-6

About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, "Cornelius!" And he looked at him intently and became terrified, and said, "What is it, lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and charitable gifts have ascended as a memorial offering before God. Now dispatch some men to Joppa and send for a man named Simon,

who is also called Peter. He is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the sea."

John 16:7,12-13

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you...I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone **hears** My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Jesus wants to speak to **all** of His followers, and that includes **you!**

The Sound of God's Voice

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- The Holy Spirit is speaking directly to my spirit.

We must move from mind-level communication to heart-level communication.

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- Not just a thought, but something that drops into your heart.

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- 4. God's voice causes a wonderful reaction.

Warning

Warning: Ezekiel 14:4

Tell them, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: The people of Israel have set up idols in their hearts and fallen into sin, and then they go to a prophet asking for a message. So I, the LORD, will give them the kind of answer their great idolatry deserves."

Safeguards in Hearing God

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If something is heard that conflicts with scripture, it **does not** come from God!

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If hearing God puts a spotlight on a **person**, it has become tainted.

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With God-given <u>authority</u> comes God-given <u>revelation</u>.

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- 4. Your church family

You are important to God. He wants to speak to you regularly.

