

DISCERNMENT & DIRECTION

finding the right path
through a landscape of distractions and detours

God Speaks Still

The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" **1 KINGS 19:11-13**

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**

For God does speak — now one way, now another — though man may not perceive it. **JOB 33:14**

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

HEBREWS 1:1-3

But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3

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The ability to use good discernment and the capacity to follow good direction must be grown and developed. The essential component pushing us forward on this growth curve is our increasing hunger for, experience of, and familiarity with God's voice – the communication of His heart, mind and will for our lives. Learning to reach for and listen to the Word of the Lord today requires a re-tuning of our expectations and a re-orientation for how we position ourselves to hear from God. He uses the Bible, our circumstances, the perspective of credible people we know who care, and the internal counsel of His Spirit to guide us on the path forward. In all these ways the communication of God's will and empowering direction will come to us wrapped as an invitation to:

1. stillness

2. self-disclosure

3. submission