

**Frequency
His Voice
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John 10:3-5 “The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

Matthew 1:23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Why does God Speak?

- ✓ God speaks to give us a breakthrough.

1 Chronicles 14:8-10 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so he marched out to meet them. The Philistines arrived and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. So David asked God, “Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?” The Lord replied, “Yes, go ahead. I will hand them over to you.”

- ✓ God speaks to us so we can encourage others.

1 Corinthians 14:1,3 Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy...But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

Acts 2:17-18 ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike and they will prophesy.

- ✓ God speaks to provide perspective.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) For we walk by faith, not by sight.

1 Kings 19:11-12 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.

4 Characteristics on How God Speaks:

1. He whispers encouragement.

Romans 8:16 (NLT) The Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our heart and tells us that we are God’s children.

Isaiah 55:3 (MSG) Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words. I’m making a lasting covenant commitment with you, the same that I made with David: sure, solid, enduring love.

2. He whispers warnings.

Acts 16:6-7 (NKJV) They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to **preach** the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

Isaiah 30:21 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.”
God will give you a prompting...a nudge... an impression...

3. He whispers direction.

Luke 2:27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

Acts 20:22 “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.”

4. He whispers dreams.

Job 33:14-15 (NLT) For God speaks again and again... He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night.

1 Samuel 3:9 “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” I’m eager to respond.

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Walk Away: I will begin an open line of communication with God by intentionally keeping my ears open and my heart receptive to what God is speaking.

UPCOMING ITEMS:

+ Fall 2018 Life Group Directory - released today!!

+ Groups run August 26-November 24. Sign up for a group online or in the foyer!

+ 21 Days of Prayer (August 5-August 25): Personal & corporate prayer, available Mon-Fri 8am-9am, and Saturdays 9am-10am