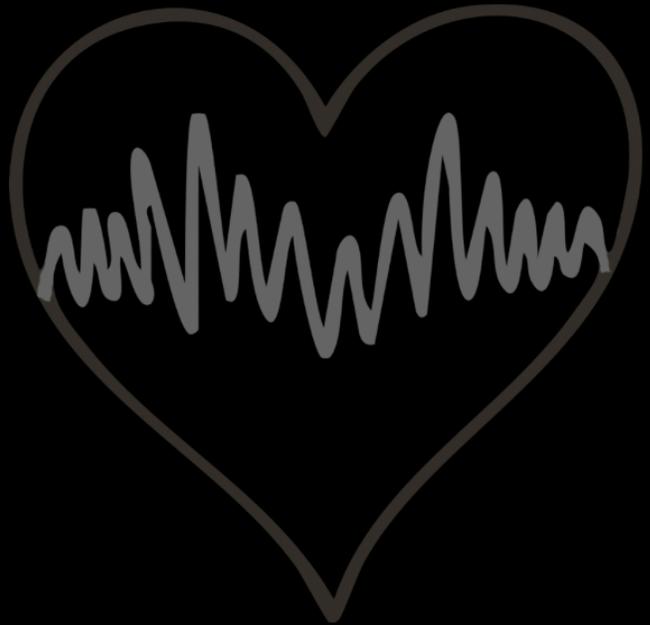

Learning to Hear *God's* Voice

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Summary

Using John 16, 1 Kings 19, and John 10 as her foundation, Pastor Stephanie makes the case that having the Holy Spirit dwelling within us is — as Jesus Himself declared — better than having Him physically present. Drawing on a personal story she illustrates how God's voice most often comes as a gentle inner whisper rather than dramatic signs. She weaves in a timely warning about AI's growing ability to blur the line between what is real and what is fabricated, calling believers to sharpen their ability to hear from God not just as a spiritual discipline, but as a survival skill for the days ahead.

Top Points

- Jesus said it is better for us that He went away — because what He sent in his place (the Holy Spirit) is greater than having Him physically beside us.
- Most believers are not incapable of hearing God; they simply don't recognize that they already are hearing him.
- God's voice most often comes as a still, small whisper — not in the wind, earthquake, or fire — and learning to recognize it requires quiet attentiveness.
- Obedience is the key to continued communication: if you want God to speak to you twice, obey him the first time.

- In an age of AI-generated images, voices, and videos, the ability to hear directly from God is no longer just a spiritual blessing — it is a critical discernment tool.
- Simple practices open the door to hearing God: saying "I love you, Jesus" and listening for a response, opening your Bible expectantly, spending quiet time in his presence, and staying in community with other believers.
- Believers are called to be "wise as serpents" — aware of what is happening in the world around them — without being consumed or deceived by it.

Quotations

1. "If Jesus says that we're better off because of something, then I want to make sure I am partaking fully in whatever it is that we are better off for."
2. "Am I truly taking advantage of the fact that I have God in me and not just God with me?"
3. "God's voice is constantly speaking to us. We need to be aware of that voice."
4. "I don't want to need my eyes in life to know where I'm going or what's around me. I want that to come from my hearing."
5. "God will lead us and instruct us as much as we will allow by listening and obeying."
6. "If you want God to speak to you two times, obey him the first time."
7. "We're at a time where you're not going to know what's real or not, what's true or not, unless you are hearing from God."
8. "I refuse to take for granted — if He said I can have something, by all means, I am going to jump in and get that."
9. "You can't tell God 'I love you' and have Him not say it back."