

GOD IS A TALKER

Lesson 1 — Introduction

Key Focus: *God has never stopped speaking — and you are not a foreigner to the conversation.*

Nothing will have more impact on your life than CONVERSATIONS with your KING.

1. REALITY: God is a TALKER

God doesn't merely SPEAK, He COMMUNICATES.

God has NEVER stopped SPEAKING, and you are not a FOREIGNER in the CONVERSATION.

John 10:27 (ESV) — My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

Two truths in five words: (1) Jesus is talking — He is not the silent type. (2) His sheep hear Him.

The most often quoted statement of Jesus in the New Testament: "He who has ears to hear let him hear." (Repeated numerous times in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Revelation)

2. INTIMACY: God has SECRETS to Share

God doesn't hide His secrets FROM you, but FOR you!

Matthew 13:11 (ESV) — And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given."

1 Corinthians 2:7 (ESV) — But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

3. CLARITY: There are STRANGERS to Avoid

There are many voices speaking... How can we know if the voice is God?

Our constructed walls, built to keep out **COUNTERFEITS**, have ended up keeping out the **KING**. The church, trying to protect people from false voices, quietly walled off the one voice we were made to hear.

It is important to acknowledge the stranger's voices, but not to use that as a reason to miss God's voice. Don't settle for a translated walk with God.

4. MATURITY: God will TEACH you His Voice

Ten channels in. Three fences through. Your ears get wider and safer at the same time.

The Fence	Its Role	Anchor
Jesus — the Foundation	If it doesn't look like Him, it isn't God	1 Cor 3:11
Scripture — the Framework	The Word every message must stand within	2 Timothy 3:16–17
The Holy Spirit — the Facilitator	The One who carries it and confirms it	John 16:13

5. EXPECTANCY: God is PURSUING You

This is not a **DOCTRINE** to **DEFEND**. It's an **ADVENTURE** to **STEP INTO**.

When was the last time you sat down expecting God to say something to you — not about you, to you?

This Week's Step

Pick one morning. Coffee, kitchen table, Bible open. Instead of reading to learn, pull out an empty chair and picture Him sitting there as a friend. Tell Him you came to be with Him, not to study Him.

Sit quiet for two minutes and ask, "*Lord, is there anything You want to say to me?*" Write down what comes. Don't grade it. You are learning the sound of His voice.