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Welcome to Gods Promise, I'm Dr. Kiley and I'm here to help you apply God's promise to your life.

This week we are looking at the Promise God Has Spoken. The Promise is found in Hebrews 1:1-2 which says, "*In the past God spoke to our ancestors 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 also he made the universe.*"

Have you ever been in a relationship in which you talk but the other person doesn't? You ask questions but get blank stares for answers? You plead for the person's participation, but he or she just doesn't get the message?

That scenario may or may not be a bit overstated in your situation. I'm not sure that people could maintain such a silent silhouette and have any friends at all. But think of the "religious" world. How many millions of people today are bowing before SILENT idols of wood or stone, that have never uttered one word in response? Worshipers pour out their hearts to these idols, asking for help, for blessings, for favors, for forgiveness, for salvation ... BUT the idols remain SILENT.

The late Dr. Francis Schaeffer, the apologist and theologian, wrote a book about the God of the Bible titled *He Is There and He Is Not Silent*. This title beautifully reflects the fact that Christians worship a Creator who speaks, a God who communicates willingly and openly with His creation. The God of Scripture is NOT that of the deist, who believes God created the universe and then abandoned it to run on its own. God is not like some watchmaker who created a clock, wound it up, and then set it on a mantel to run down.

No, God has spoken! The writer to the Hebrews tells us that God has intervened in national and personal affairs. In the Old Testament period, God spoke primarily through His prophets. He did this by having those prophets write down His words so that all people could know His thoughts, His commands, and His loving directions.

AND then, in the most profound gesture of communication in history, God sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to earth. During His ministry, thousands of people spoke directly, face-to-face, with God! And those of us who weren't alive then are still invited to speak with God anytime we need to. God is waiting to communicate with you-right now. Remember, He is there, and He is not silent.

God's Promise: There is never a time that God is unavailable to talk with you.