



HEARING

GOD

# Hearing God

## Part 1: The Trouble with Hearing God's Voice



# We All Need to Hear God's Voice



# 1 Kings 19:9-10

<sup>9</sup>There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, “**What are you doing here**, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even **I only, am left**, and they seek my life, to take it away.”



*Have you ever been desperate to hear from  
the Lord?*



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*How many of you changed your routine long  
enough to press into what he was saying?*



# The Misconceptions & Mechanics of Hearing God's Voice



# 1 Kings 19:11-14

<sup>11</sup>And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, **and a great and strong wind** tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind **an earthquake**, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.





# 1 Kings 19:11-14

<sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake **a fire**, but the Lord was not in the fire. **And after the fire the sound of a low whisper**. <sup>13</sup>**And when Elijah heard it**, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, **there came a voice to him** and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”



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*If we're not looking for signs or reading  
circumstances to hear God what should we  
listen for?*



# 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

<sup>11</sup>For *who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person*, which is in him? So also *no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God*. <sup>12</sup>Now *we have received* not the spirit of the world, but *the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand* the things freely given us by God.



# 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

<sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and ***he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.***



# 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

<sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But ***we have the mind of Christ.***



# God Wants Us to Hear His Voice



# 1 Kings 19:15-18

<sup>15</sup>And the Lord said to him, “**Go, return** on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, **you shall anoint** Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi **you shall anoint** to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.





# 1 Kings 19:15-18

<sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet ***I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.***"



*God gave him direction to go*



*God gave him direction to go*

*God gave him action to take*



*God gave him direction to go*

*God gave him action to take*

*God gave him promise to believe*

