

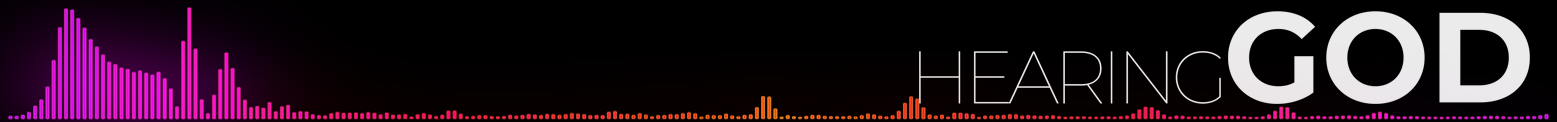


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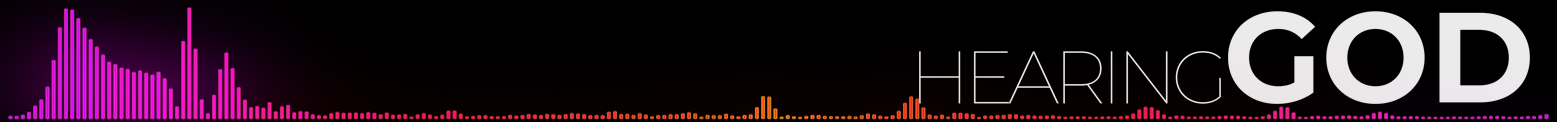
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# Hearing God

## Part 4: Confirming God's Voice



God wants to talk to you!



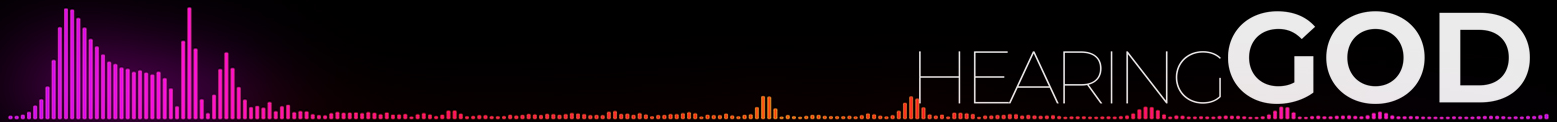
**Part 1: The Trouble with Hearing God's Voice**

**Part 2: Learning to Recognize God's Voice**

**Part 3: Expecting to Hear God's Voice**



Two simple points about how God confirms his voice in community:



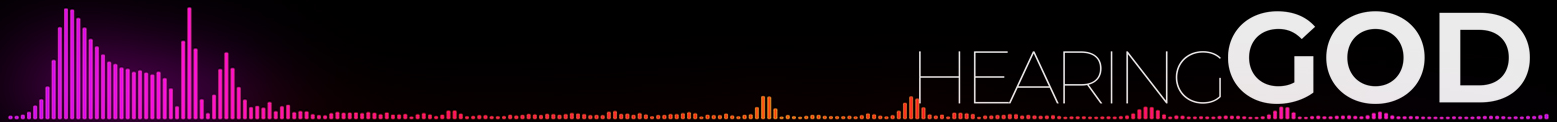
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**Two simple points about how God confirms his voice in community:**

- 1. He Confirms it Through Others**
- 2. He Confirms it Through Unity**



*Have you ever heard God's voice but still  
needed confirmation before taking action?*





*Have you ever had someone share a word with you that confirmed what you thought God might be saying?*



# Acts 19:21

<sup>21</sup> Now after these events ***Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem,*** saying, “After I have been there, ***I must also see Rome.***”



# Acts 20:22-24

<sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.



# Acts 21:8-14

<sup>8</sup> On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. <sup>9</sup> He had four unmarried daughters, **who prophesied**. <sup>10</sup> While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. <sup>11</sup> And coming to us, **he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said,**



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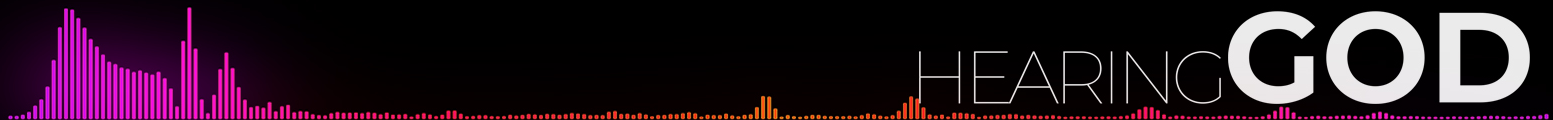
***“Thus says the Holy Spirit, ‘This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’ ”*** <sup>12</sup> When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart?”



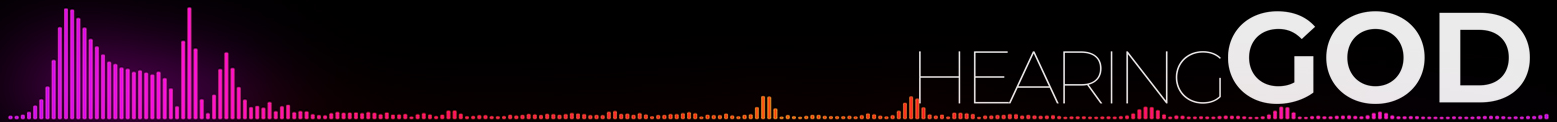
# Acts 21:8-14

For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

<sup>14</sup> And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.”



# Confirmation Through Others



# 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans ***you were led astray to mute idols***, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that ***no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.***





# 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
<sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;  
<sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To ***each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*** <sup>8</sup> For to one is given ***through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom***, and to another ***the utterance of knowledge*** according to the same Spirit,

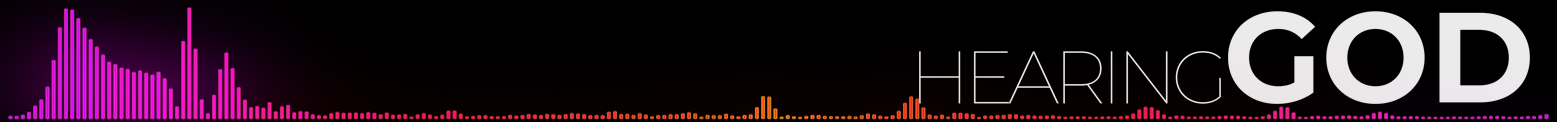


# 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, **to another prophecy**, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another **various kinds of tongues**, **to another the interpretation of tongues**. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

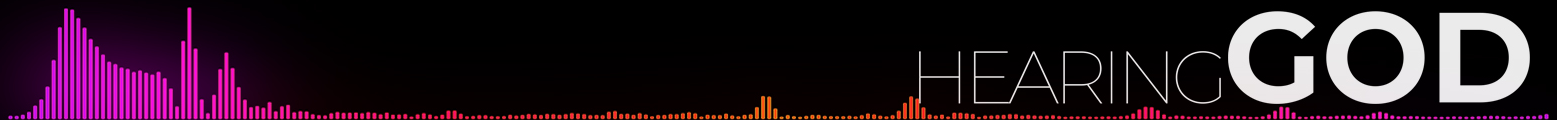


*What if someone is not hearing God?*



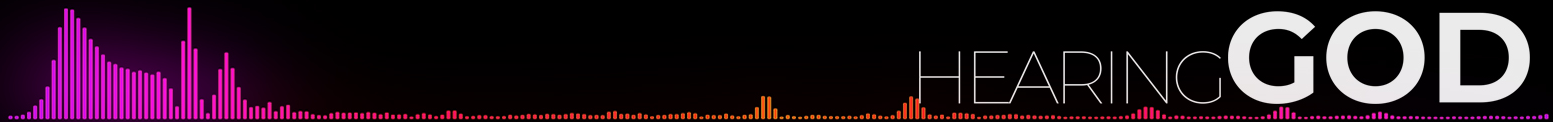
# Romans 12:6

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: ***if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;***



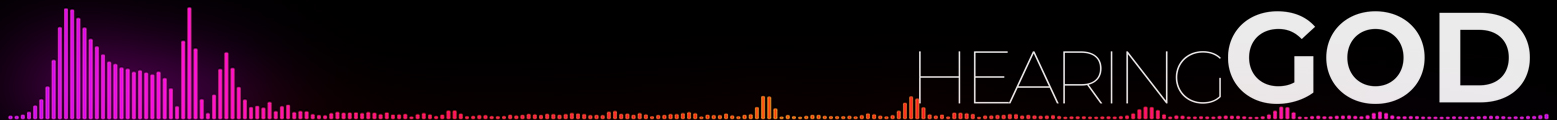
# 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> ***Do not despise prophecies,*** <sup>21</sup> but ***test everything; hold fast what is good.***



## How to test a word:

1. Is it biblical?
2. Is this a confirmation of something I've been talking with the Lord about?



## How to test a word:

3. Does this produce faith, peace, joy, or love in my soul?
4. Ask the Lord if there is anything to hold on to.



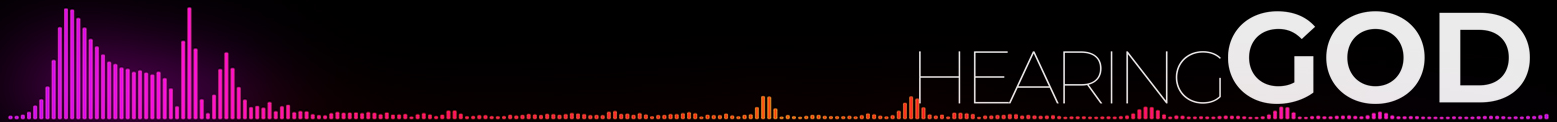
# Confirmation Through Unity





# Acts 15:28

28 “For *it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us* to lay no greater burden on you than these few requirements...”





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