



RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE

My Journey

- I first heard God speak to me at 28
- Pastored GCF Hays for eight years
- Move to Lake Jackson

How about you?

- Has anyone else had a similar experience?
- Has God spoken to me?

1 Samuel 3:2-10

“One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

1 Samuel 3:2-10

Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

1 Samuel 3:2-10

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.

1 Samuel 3:2-10

So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening.""

Esther 4:9-16

“Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, “All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives.

Esther 4:9-16

But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king." When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish.

Esther 4:9-16

And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.""

Matthew 1:20-21

“But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.””

1. The Bible

- All scripture is God-breathed (1 Tim 3:16)
- The Bible was not written to us, but it was written for us

2. Himself

- He appears to Samuel
- Some scholars have noted around 100+ times Jesus appears in the Old Testament

3. Dreams

- Joseph hears from God in a dream
- We see this numerous times in the Bible (Peter, 3 wise men, and more)
- God is still speaking to people in dreams

4. Another Person

- We saw this in the story of Esther
- Make sure the person who is speaking to you is a trusted friend.
- Be sure that their ministry has fruit
- It needs to have credibility

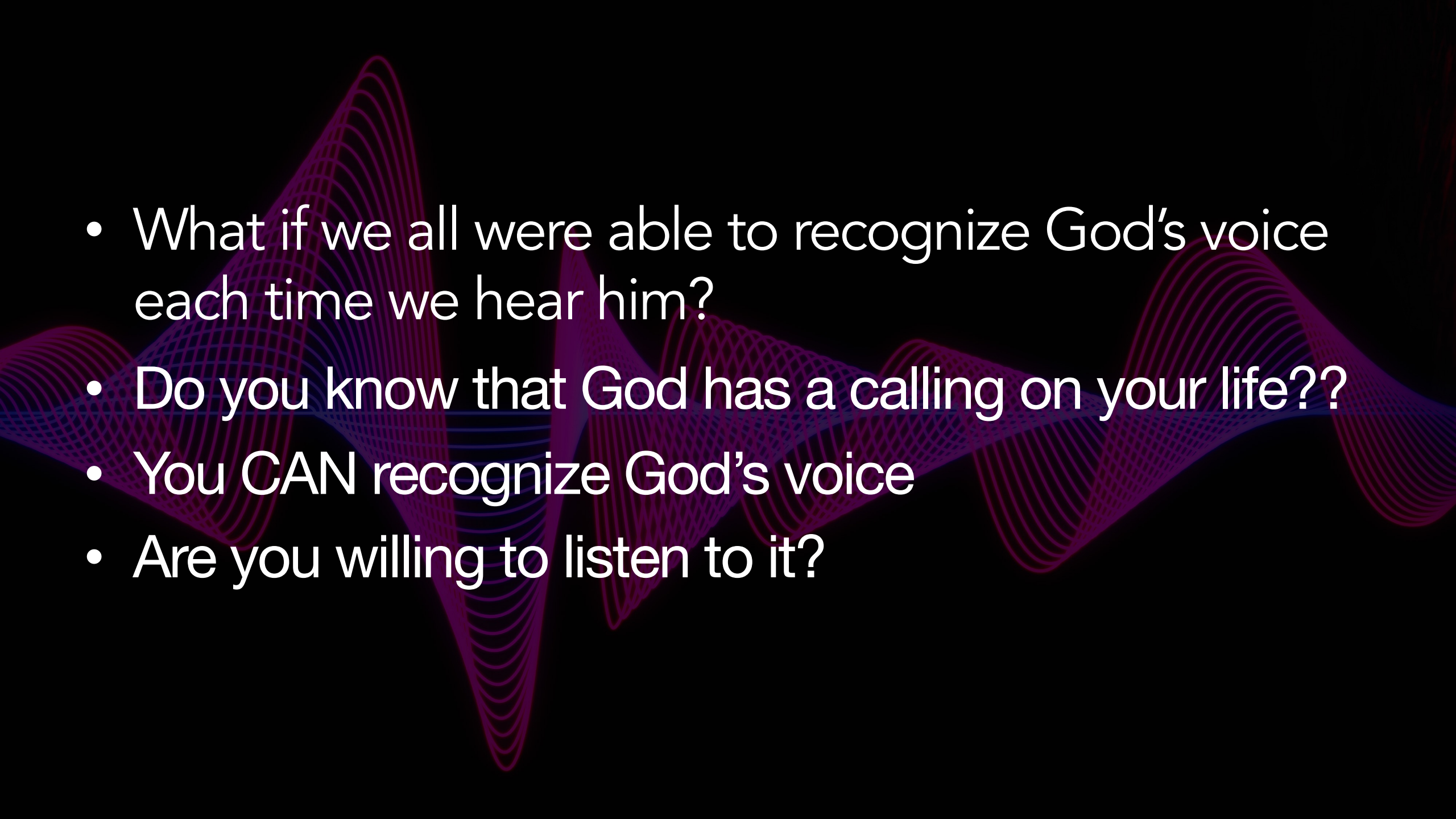
Acts 27:10 NASB

and said to them, "Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."

- Perceive in Greek = intensely consider, look on, or see...

5. Impressions

- This is the way God speaks to me most
- The Holy Spirit intersects our thoughts with his, and impresses upon us what he telling us to do.
- Acts 2
- It's probably the most common way that God speaks to us today.

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- What if we all were able to recognize God's voice each time we hear him?
 - Do you know that God has a calling on your life??
 - You CAN recognize God's voice
 - Are you willing to listen to it?



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