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Is it God or My Gut? Pastor Jeremy McGarity

God does speak -- sometimes one way and sometimes another -- even though people may not understand it.

JOB 33:14 (NCV)

HOW DOES GOD TALK TO US?

1 THROUGH HIS **W R I T T E N W O R D** .

a.k.a: THE **B I B L E**

The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives... It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point...

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (LB)

2 THROUGH THE **C H U R C H** .

When we preached to you, you didn't think of the words as being just our own, but you accepted it as the very Word of God -- which, of course, it was -- and it changed your lives...

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13 (LB)

...God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 3:15 (NIV)

Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you.

1 PETER 4:11 (LB)

We do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths...

1 CORINTHIANS 2:13 (GN)

3 TO OUR **M I N D** AND **H E A R T** .

The Holy Spirit... will be your teacher and will bring to your mind all I have said to you.

JOHN 14:26 (PH)

...God speaks again and again, in dreams, in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on men as they lie on their beds. He opens their ears in times like that and gives them wisdom and instruction...

JOB 33:14-16 (LB)

4 THROUGH OTHER **C H R I S T I A N S** .

With their words, the godless destroy their friends, but knowledge will rescue the righteous.

PROVERBS 11:9 (NLT)

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

PROVERBS 17:17 (NLT)

5 THROUGH PAIN AND DIFFICULTY.

Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.

PROVERBS 20:30 (GN)

I used to wander off until you punished me; now I closely follow all you say... The punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws.

PSALMS 119:67, 71-72 (LB)

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEARING FROM GOD

1 IT GIVES ME CONFIDENCE IN MY FAITH.

Jesus said... "I know those who are mine and they hear my voice."

JOHN 10:14, 16 (PH)

2 IT KEEPS ME FROM EVIL PEOPLE AND EVIL PLANS.

God speaks... causing them to change their minds, and keeping them from pride... and from falling into some trap.

JOB 33:17-18 (LB)

3 IT IS THE KEY TO A HAPPY, FULFILLING LIFE.

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5 (NLT)

Today if you hear God's voice speaking to you, do not harden your hearts against him.

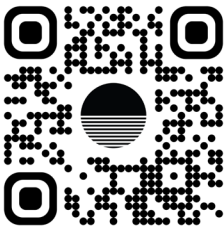
HEBREWS 3:15 (LB)

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 What does it mean to discern God's will in our decisions? How do we differentiate it from following our instincts or gut feelings?
- 2 How can we cultivate a closer connection to God to better discern His will in our decision-making? How does prayer, meditation, and studying Scripture play a role in this process?
- 3 Have you ever experienced a situation where your initial gut feeling changed after seeking God's guidance? What did that experience teach you?
- 4 What role does community play in discerning whether a decision is aligned with God's will? How can the perspectives of fellow believers help confirm or challenge our intuitions?



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MOPS Begins
- 09.09 | Men's Breakfast at Rancho
- 09.10 | Small Groups Sign Ups in the Lobby
Classic Praise
- 09.21 | Women's Bible Study Begins
- 09.23 | Core Four: Apologetics Begins