

FREQUENCY: CUTTING THROUGH THE NOISE

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE BIBLE

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THREE THINGS I'VE LEARNED SO FAR IN THIS SERIES

1. God wants to speak to all of us.
2. God is not making it hard for us to hear Him.

John 10:27, NKJV

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

3. God speaks to us in various ways.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

1. There's a huge reason why the Bible is called "The Word of God" – because it really is THE WORD OF GOD! It is God speaking to us.

2 Peter 1:20-21 NLT

²⁰ Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2. Have you ever watched a movie where a boss says to their assistant at a job, "Write this down"? The boss then speaks, and the other person writes down what the boss says.
 - a. It's the same when it comes to the Bible: God authored it, and people wrote it down. They wrote what God said.
3. When we read or hear the Bible, it's God speaking to you and me, giving us counsel, encouragement, instruction, hope, direction, correction, and anything else He may want us to get.

4. The greatest thing about the Bible is it is inspired by God – it is God’s Word. In my opinion, the second greatest thing about the Bible is: it’s written down.

GOD’S WORD ON GOD’S WORD

Hebrews 4:12 NLT

¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful...

Psalm 93:5 NIV

⁵ Your statutes, LORD, stand firm...

Proverbs 30:5 NIV

⁵ Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Isaiah 40:8 NLT

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.

Matthew 24:35 NIV

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

LOGOS AND RHEMA

Logos = God's word recorded in the Bible; the written word/message of God.

Rhema = God’s word spoken to us at a specific occasion; a personal word/message from God.

1. We choose when God speaks to us through the “Logos”, His written word.
 - a. How do we choose it? We read the Bible! Every time we read the Bible, God is speaking to us through the logos, the written word of God.
2. We do NOT choose when God speaks to us through the “Rhema”, the personal message from God.
 - a. God chooses to do that; when and how He wants to.
3. Often it’s through our time in the God’s written word (logos) that God is able to bring us a personal word (rhema).

MORE BIBLE VERSES ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 119:11 NLT

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:105 NIV

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalm 119:162 NLT

¹⁶² I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure.

Matthew 4:4 CEV

⁴ Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say: 'No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken.'"

Luke 5:1 NLT

¹ One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.

Romans 10:17 NKJV

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV

¹³ We also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God...

PRACTICAL STEPS

1. Get and use a Bible that works for you.
2. Get on a daily Bible reading plan.
3. Be involved with gatherings where the Bible is read/taught/shared.
4. Build relationships with people who love the Bible, read the Bible, and talk about the Bible.