

Seek His Voice // October 1, 2019

Hebrews 4.16, Daniel 10.18-19, Hebrews 1.1-2, John 10:14,16, Numbers 22.1-41

We use the phrase “*the Lord spoke to me*” within our Christian culture today to describe our hearing from God, but this phrase can carry confusion because it doesn’t actually bring clarity to how God spoke. By saying, “*the Lord spoke to me*” we’re not always saying that God speaks audibly, though he can. But the Lord speaks in a lot of different ways.

6 Ways God Speaks To Us

>> God speaks to us from a place of love

“...for you are very precious to God...” Daniel 10.19

>> God speaks to us through Jesus

Hebrews 1:1-2 // “Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. Now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son.”

- Is there a place in your life that needs the power & authority of Jesus to speak into?

>> God speaks to us through his recorded word in Scripture

- The Holy Spirit uses scripture to lead us into all truth; To teach us, counsel us, and reminds us of God’s Word. (John 14:15-27, John 16:5-15). The Holy Spirit uses scripture to convict us of our sin and brokenness, but also reminds us of the grace and forgiveness God gives us
- The Holy Spirit comforts us when we’re hurting and strengthens us when we’re weak
- The voice of God will never contradict the Word of God.

>> God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit works with our spirit to become sensitive to God’s voice so that our thoughts grow to become his thoughts and our ways grow to become his ways. As we grow in God’s grace and truth, we gain clarity for his vision and purposes and will.

>> God speaks to us in the supernatural

While we should believe that these moments could happen to us and do happen for others, we shouldn’t be hindered by not receiving that version of God’s voice.

>> God speaks to us through other people.

...we proclaim what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us and fellowship with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” 1 John 1.3

If we’re going to listen for God’s voice then we need to prepare our hearts to hear. We can do this by:

- **Placing God at the center of our prayer life**
Carolyn Moore: *Prayer is not a way by which we get God to do what we want. Prayer is a way by which we get involved with what God wants.*
- **Learning his voice (John 10.14,16)**
- **Practicing obedience and confessing brokenness (Numbers 22.1-41)**

Don’t be hindered by your expectation or desire of *how you would like God to speak* and instead be faithful to seek God where *we know he speaks*.

