



GOD SPEAKS – Part 2
John 16:13-15, Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)

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“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

GOD SPEAKS TO BELIEVERS BY HIS INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:13-15 (ESV)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

1. REVIEW: GOD SPEAKS, BY HIS SPIRIT, THROUGH HIS WORD (THE BIBLE)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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2. REVIEW: GOD SPEAKS, BY HIS SPIRIT, AS WE PRAY

Romans 8:26-27 (ESV)

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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3. GOD SPEAKS, BY HIS SPIRIT, THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES

Circumstance: An event in your life through which God chooses to speak

When seeking to understand the voice of God in your circumstances:

1. Seek God’s perspective on your situation
2. Consider other ways that God is speaking to your situation (The Word, prayer, wise counsel)

John 11:1-4 (ESV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

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4. GOD SPEAKS, BY HIS SPIRIT, THROUGH THE CHURCH (OTHER BELIEVERS)

1 Corinthians 12:14-20 (ESV) *14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.*

Romans 12:5 (ESV) *So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

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Following Jesus is not just about believing, we are called to belong.

Memory Verse – John 5:19 (ESV)

19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.