

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

talk it
over

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 10.22-30

PURSUE GOD

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around Him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in My Father's Name testify about Me, but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Jesus was not shy about making bold claims to the people He came into contact with on a regular basis. Many didn't like what He had to say and would try to discredit Him by saying He was working for Satan, or He was demon possessed. Even those closest to Him had difficulties understanding what He was teaching. Numerous times throughout the Scriptures we read about how the disciples just didn't get it. They were confused, a bit lost, and had to ask Jesus in private what He was talking about. They were hearing His voice, but weren't able to discern what it was He was trying to say. Much of this changed when Jesus ascended to heaven and the power of the Holy Spirit came to rest upon the believers. There was a new connection made between heaven and earth, and a veil removed that once kept us from seeing and hearing God. As Paul writes, *"the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"* (Col 1.26-27). The voice of God isn't foreign, or trivial, or unfamiliar to the believer. It is not a riddle to unlock or puzzle to piece together. The voice of God has been revealed and made known to us through His grace, in Jesus, and by the power of His Holy Spirit. We not only know His voice, but have access to hearing from Him every moment of every day.

LOVE LIFE

Do you want to hear from God?

If yes, how are you reading and applying God's Word to your life?

What other voices do you allow to fill-up your head-space Co-workers, bosses, kids, spouse, TV, media, the voice that says you have to perform, or parade your wins.

Do these voices ever block the voice of God?