



HOW GOD SPEAKS



God Speaks Through His Holy Spirit

Most of us have had moments when we really wished God would just speak clearly—like a friend sitting across the table, I remember a season when I was trying to make an important decision, and no matter how much I prayed, felt like heaven was silent. But one morning, while was going through my normal routine, a verse I'd read dozens of times suddenly stood out in a new way. It wasn't loud or dramatic, but it was timely, and knew God was gently nudging my heart. That experience reminded me that God does speak—just not always in the ways we expect. And learning to recognize His voice is something that grows over time as we walk with Him.

Some people believe that God no longer speaks. Others believe that God speaks all the time and says whatever they want to hear. The truth is that God does speak all the time, but He does this in a unique way. If you spend enough time talking with someone, you learn to pick up patterns in their speech. You can quickly identify their tone, pitch, diction, and cadence. God's desire is that we spend time with Him and learn to identify His voice. Because God made us to bear His image, we can talk to Him, but not like we talk to other humans. Instead, God does not leave us alone to try and figure out how to live life. In this study, we will examine how God Speaks: ...to His People ...through His Word ...through circumstances ...through His Church ...and we respond We can discern God's voice, and as we seek to follow Him, He graciously provides avenues for us to know and follow Him.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-8

The Holy Spirit Provides Wisdom

What are some of the dangers of relying on human wisdom?



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In verse 7 Paul says "we speak" (God's hidden wisdom). What does this say about the purpose of our growth in godly wisdom?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-11

The Holy Spirit Reveals the Mind of God

How does verses 9-11 challenge the idea that we can figure out God's will on our own?



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Is there an area of your life where you are relying more on worldly wisdom than God's wisdom?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:12-16

The Holy Spirit Transforms Our Thinking

How can you tell the difference between the "spirit of the world" and the "Spirit who comes from God" in your daily life?



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How will knowing that the Holy Spirit reveals the "deep things of God" change your approach to spending time with God in his word?