How God Speaks

God Speaks Through His Church

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 Cod 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 EPHESIANS 4:11-14

God Speaks Through our Spiritual Leaders

In the opening verse, who gave the gifted people to the body of Christ?

According to verse 12, Paul issues two big responsibilities that facilitate the growth of the church. What are they?

How can church leaders better empower believers to use their gifts to serve the body of Christ?

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READ Ephesians 4:15-16

God Speaks Through the Body of Believers

What would be the result of telling the truth without love or being loving without honesty?

According to verse 16, who is the source of growth?

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READ Ephesians 4:25-26

God Speaks Through Individuals in the Church

How should understanding that we are "members of one another" change the way we treat each other?

Think of a time when someone's carelessness hurt you (or vice versa). What was the effect on the both of you? How was the offense resolved?