

Relationship: Hearing His Voice

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Summary of Relationship

- **Life is all about love & relationship**
- **God is love (1Jn 4:16)**
- **Created heavens and earth for us**
- **Gen 3:8 – even in sin, God seeks us**

- **Love God is to obey Him (1Jn 5:3-4)**
 - **How do we know what His commands are?**
 - **How does He communicate to us?**

Summary of Relationship

1) Through His Word

- **Ps 19:7-11 – More precious than gold, sweeter than honey, keeping them is great reward**
- **“Dad! Would you read another passage”**

2) Through His Voice

- **John 10:3-4 – My sheep recognize and know my voice**
- **Little Samuel learning to hear the voice of the Lord**

- **Very familiar with His word, but what about His voice**
- **Does God really want to talk/communicate with us**
- **He communicated to every Christian in Bible b/c it's all about relationship**
- **What does His voice sound like?**

How Do We Hear His Voice

1) Word - Scripture that comes to mind

- For us
 - Heb 4- God's word is living & active, judges thoughts and attitudes of the heart
 - Jeremiah – God's plan
- For others
 - Colossians (edification)

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2) His Voice

- **Moses, Abraham, David, Gideon, Saul, etc.**
- **One may say, “They are mighty men of God..”**
- **At Chinese buffet**
- **Specific to question/situation**
- **Direction**
- **Expression of love**
- **Doesn't always make logical sense (i.e. Love unlovable)**
- **Never goes against Scripture**

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3) Vision

- Hab 2:1-2 “I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. The Lord replied, 'Write down the revelation...’”
- Peter, Xm, & Florida
- Paul prayed in Eph 1 for the eyes of our hearts to be enlightened
- Spontaneous
- Journal

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4) Dreams & Interpretation

- Joseph & Daniel
- Last night, someone shared a dream...
- Acts 2:17-18 – In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- For you and me
- Other means of communication (ie. Angels, etc.)

Issue

- **Issue is not hearing. Even as little children.**
- **Heb 3:7**
- **Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness.**
- **Lack of obedience or selective hearing**
- **Results in lack of voice/presence**
 - **1Sam 28:6**
 - **Saul asked the Lord what he should do, but the Lord refused to answer him, either by dreams or by sacred lots, or by the prophets.**
 - **1Sam 15:22**
 - **To obey is better than sacrifice (Amalekites)**
 - **James 1:22 – Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.**

What do we do

- **Some of us want great dreams and loud booming voice**
- **Great things from God**
- **Yet we have not obeyed the simple voice/commands**
- **Heb 3:7-14**
 - **When you hear his voice, don't harden your heart...we will share in all that belongs to Christ.**
 - **Repent**
- **Luke 16:10**
 - **Faithful in little will be faithful in much**
- **God speaks.. He is releasing His anointing...**
- **Our season to live in obedience as we hear Him.**

Edification Time

- What spoke to you in this message?
- Pray for one another

