

Know God's Voice / Hearing God's Voice

Theme Passage:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me." John 10:27-28

We are all spiritual beings, created to worship, and humans will worship whatever takes first place in their hearts and minds. *In light of faith in the Gospel, we no longer conform to the voices of the world, but instead delight in the transformation of our minds in Christ!*

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, which is good, acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2

To recognize His voice, we must spend time with Him! His word and His power are worthy of our time.

"His divine power has granted to us all we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his own glory and excellence." 2 Peter 1:3

**All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17**

We hear and understand His voice by the Holy Spirit.

"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God." 1 Corinthians 2:12

We hear God's voice through the active study of the LIVING Word of God. By the reading of the Word, the Spirit teaches us why and how to respond to all situations in life according to His will. His wisdom and guidance is an inexhaustible treasure THROUGHOUT scripture. Here is one example:

"So to keep me from being conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, as a messenger of Satan to harass and keep me from being conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weakness, insult, hardship, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

We hear God's voice as we participate in the life of the Body of Christ, the Church. One-anothering is designed by God to encourage each other in Christ.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

By the Spirit, we hear the voice of God through His Word. Listening to and responding to His Word is our worship. To hear His voice and walk in His truth is our true source of contentment, and it is to His glory when we use these truths to encourage one another.

“For this is the Love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome!” 1 John 5:3

Questions to ponder:

In light of what you’ve learned today, what do you think of this perspective?: “It’s just me and Jesus, he speaks to me all the time, I don’t really need the church.”

Sometimes we wonder if we are actually hearing God’s voice about a choice we are facing. Knowing that His prompting in our lives will never contradict His Word, what are some ways to prevent an idea from getting ahead of God’s will?

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