

God Absolutely

“God Speaks Absolutely”

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“Now I am going to Him who sent me...but I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go I will send Him to you... When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.” *John 16:5-13*

6 Steps to Hearing from God

1. Hearing depends on our **nearness to God.**

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Is. 6:8

2. Hearing depends on our **willingness to hear.**

“The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” I Sam 3:10

3. Hearing depends on the **disposition of our ears.**

“He who has ears, let him hear”...though hearing, they do not hear or understand...You will be ever hearing but never understanding...For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears...But blessed are your ears because they hear.” Mt. 13:9-16

4. Hearing depends on the **absence of competing noise.**

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” Mk. 1:35

5. Hearing depends on **identifying how God speaks.**

God speaks through:

- The **Bible** (2 Tim. 3:16)
- **People** (Eph. 4:11-13)
- A **circumstance** (Jonah)
- Visions or **dreams** (Acts 2:17)
- **Angels** (Acts 8:26)
- Your **mind** or spirit (2 Cor. 12:8-9)

6. What if I’m not sure what I heard is from God?

“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.” 1 Thess. 5:19-22

- Is it consistent with what **the Bible** says?

- Is it consistent with **God's nature**?
- Is there confirmation from other **mature believers**?
- Test it with **time**.

Should I ever question something I think I've heard from God?

- If it requires you to make a major, life-changing decision in a very short period of time.
- If it requires you to go deeply into debt.
- If it places someone else in a position of awkwardness, compromise or danger.
- If it requires you to break with family or important relationships.
- If it creates unrest in trusted, mature Christian friends or counselors that you have shared with.

"Get in the habit of saying, "Speak Lord" and life will become a romance."

Oswald Chambers

Discussion Starters for Your Groups InCommon

1. How do you hear from the Lord most commonly?
2. Share an experience when you heard the voice of the Lord.
3. If God is speaking to us frequently why do we struggle with hearing Him? What do you think keeps you from hearing God?