

# HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD



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## **PREFACE**

This is a book for those who are serious about God – serious about being used by Him in intercession and in prophetic ministry.

It is my privilege to know Magda Faber, The Authoress, personally and to be able to attest that she has written out of her personal knowledge of the Lord and her own experiences of His help and anointing in these areas of ministry.

I trust that those who desire to be used by our Lord in the same way will take hold of the truths that Magda has shared and press in to HIM. There is impartation to be received from her writings.

Magda is a true prophetess and intercessor. I commend this book to all.

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## HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

It is a promise from God that His sheep will hear His voice (John 10). I want to focus more on the ways, in which God speaks to us, yet I need to lay a short foundation before I launch into that. It is not abnormal for the child of God to hear from Him. As we are hungry for God, we can also be hungry to hear from Him. Allowing Him to remove any blockages that prevent us from hearing His voice. We will also look at some help available to hear His voice and some of the things, which block us from hearing His voice.

**In Romans 10:17** one sees that it is through faith that our hearing comes. In Matthew 4:4 Jesus says that man shall not live by bread alone, but that man shall live through the word that comes from God's mouth. The words in Matthew 4:4 is a reference to Deuteronomy 8:1-3. It is interesting that both these verses were in the context of a wilderness setting. Many times in the wilderness, we learn things about God that we could have learnt no other way. There are valuable lessons I have learnt in the backside of the desert, but God never intends for us to stay there. A wilderness setting is not an easy place. You can face situations, in which you do not sense the presence of God and it can look like you are just not hearing anything. In times like these the scariest thing for me was to take steps of faith, when seemingly I have nothing to hold on to but God and His faithfulness. The trusting then is not in your own faith, or in your own logic, but in your spirit. The wilderness can be a time of great testing. It is also a very humbling place. It is usually in this place which we see our weaknesses and imperfections as never before. Yet from out of this place one can step into a new hearing of God, a clearer understanding of His voice and His ways, because in the process of being in the wilderness, the Holy Spirit will deal with anything in me that hinders me from hearing Him. These hindrances can be pre-conceived ideas, mental strongholds

(which can often be a strong opinion one holds onto and refuse to let go of). There can be many hindrances that clog the way, and in the process of cleansing and refinement, God will do a deeper work and sharpens the ability and capacity to hear from Him.

## **WAYS IN WHICH GOD SPEAKS TO US:**

I do not want to put God into a box. He can move in any way that He wants to. He can speak in the way He chooses to. God will always speak to you in a manner, so that you will know what He says. At times in my life I had said to God “I just do not get the message, I do not know what You are saying to me”. But as I went on in my journey with God, hungry to hear clearly, He will always come through in one way or another so that I could understand what He is saying. It can sometimes take months of struggling through something in order to learn just one truth, but that one truth will change your life and set you on course. It will make up for all the time that you think you have lost. Position yourself to hear Him. Read Habakkuk chapter 2.

## **SPEAKING INTO YOUR SPIRIT:**

When God speaks into your spirit, it goes directly to your spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells within your spirit and that is where He speaks. When He speaks into your spirit it does not pass through your mind and emotions first. I want to use this expression, it might sound a bit strange, but it will give you a picture that can help you. “Read your spirit”, see what is going on in your spirit. Your circumstances can shout totally contrary to what God is saying. I mentioned earlier that at times I told God that I just did not get the message. My circumstances went into a direction that I did not understand, I could not hear God and I sometimes wondered if He still knew that I was around. But I remembered one day out of my spirit, rose a

song, it was not a new song, it was an existing song, but I knew it came from my spirit. I opened my mouth and started to sing the song, I was surprised at the faith that was contained in my voice at that moment. What seemed impossible a moment before, now looked like the easiest thing for God to do for me. I knew that I knew God was going to do something for me worthy of His Name. The oppression that was hanging over me for some time lifted in a moment and I knew that God was up to something good. God often used that song to speak to me in difficult and seemingly impossible situations. It was not that I was concentrating or singing the song, it rose from my spirit and then I gave voice to it. By now you might wonder what song it was – it was one of Ruth Heflin's songs "So many miracles He has done". Every time this song would rise from my spirit, I knew that God was going to do a miracle for me.

When I know that I have heard from God, nothing else matters any more. I know then that all things will fall into place by the hand of God. When we hear the voice of God, faith surely comes.

## **HOW DOES GOD SPEAK INTO YOUR SPIRIT?**

### **1. BY IMPRESSION:**

It is like something is pressed into your spirit. God then also causes your mind to understand. It is important to know that in the things of the spirit that you KNOW by your spirit, you UNDERSTAND with your mind. You can know something in your spirit, but it has not yet "hit" your mind. The moment it "hits" your mind you have spirit and mind in line with the same thought. This always is a breakthrough! Impression is like a fixed something in your spirit. It just "sits" in your spirit and you know it is not from the soulish realm yet under subjection of the Spirit.

## **2. BY A KNOWING:**

The one moment you did not KNOW that (in your spirit) the next moment you just KNEW. It is a suddenly knowing what you have not known before by any natural way. When you know in the spirit, there is no doubt or reasoning whatsoever. It is not necessary to reason it out, because you KNOW by your spirit. It is a sure thing; it brings peace with it.

## **3. GOD CAN SPEAK WORDS INTO YOUR SPIRIT:**

It can come as a straight word, or a poem or a song. It is like words written or spoken into your spirit, not that you hear or see it with physical eye or ear, but it is there. God speaks to me at times when I just wake up in the morning. The words will just come. I love the scripture verse that says, "day after day uttereth speech..." Psalm 19:2-3.

## **4. GOD CAN SPEAK TO YOU THROUGH PEACE IN YOUR SPIRIT:**

I am not talking about a peace that you strive to have. I am talking about a peace that comes from your spirit, a peace that goes beyond reasoning and understanding and feelings. This peace is a "heartfelt" peace; it is in your spirit. Through the peace that God gives you in a moment, which calls for no-peace, God conveys some things to you. It can be something like this:

WHAT DOES THE PEACE MEAN THAT GOD IMPARTS TO YOUR SPIRIT EVEN IN THE MIDST OF AN UNSETTLING SITUATION OR JUST IN WANTING TO KNOW

## IF A DECISION YOU ARE MAKING IS IN LINE WITH HIS WILL FOR YOU?

- God says: “It is fine, do not fear, I am in control, I will work something out for you.
- God says: “It will work out well”.
- When you fear something will happen and God imparts peace, you will know that the thing you fear will not happen.
- God says: “Everything is going to be all right!”
- Peace in your spirit can also show you that God is letting you know His presence is with you.
- Often times in testing situations in relationships with others, God can give you His peace, which means that He will deal with whatever unpleasant or threatening things you are facing. He says: “Be still, I am working it out”.
- It can also work in the other directions for you. If you do NOT have a peace, it can be a check of the Holy Spirit to warn you or tell you that it is not the right decision, or it is not going to work out the way you hope or think.
- It is important that we learn to live by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit speaks into our spirits, from the spirit, as we yield to the Holy Spirit within us, we transfer the message to the soul (main functions of soul is mind or intellect, emotions or feelings and will), the soul transfers the message to the body. The body executes what God has said. The soul is where the decision centre is, because that is where your will functions. If



you decide here to quench the Holy Spirit and not obey Him, obviously your body will execute the wrong orders.

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE STILL SMALL VOICE;**

When the soul is not in subjection to the spirit, it can be very “active” and “noisy” in our thinking and feelings. It is often then difficult to hear God’s voice. When God speaks through the still small voice, it is very clear, yet it is very “spirit”. The way I have experienced this is maybe the best way I can try to explain it most practically - “I have almost missed it” and yet I did not miss it. I heard it in the midst of all other “traffic” around me. It comes very softly, gently and suddenly. We are not always still on the inside, sometimes our concentration can be on something else and when God speaks this way, for me at least, I hear it, but I always “almost missed it”. If I am not careful, I can miss it, and often times God had shown me when I did hear Him this way, but did not yield to what He has said. Unfortunately, when I have missed the bus, I had to wait for the next! Missed opportunities are missed!

## **GOD CAN SPEAK TO US THROUGH DREAMS AND VISIONS:**

I believe that we are in a time that God is going to sharpen us in these areas again. Not only will we understand our own dreams, but also be able to help others in the interpretation of their dreams. Dreams and visions are a way in which God has chosen to speak to people. Let us look at dreams firstly.

### **DREAMS:**

We know that we dream while we sleep. One can have a vision in a dream. In the dream God can show you something.

When I had a dream with a vision in it, it is like I want to bend “forward” in the dream to see what is taking place. Dreams come in the form of thoughts, impressions, pictures, images, emotions and experiences. To interpret dreams is not just dependable on a giftedness, although I do believe there are those that are particularly gifted in this, but as the people of God, we should be diligent in making use of this wonderful way in which God speaks to us. I think a great help in the interpreting of dreams is to study the symbolic language of the Bible. Then also one needs to develop one’s own vocabulary with the help of the Holy Spirit. One can receive help from others, but every person is unique in their own way, in which they are what they are going through and in their relationship with God. So it is really an art and a skill to develop with the help of the Holy Spirit to be able to interpret correctly. A symbol might mean one thing for one person and quite another thing for another person. Like all the gifts of God, we cannot use them without our fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

One has to pray that the Holy Spirit will give the interpretation. One person might be in a ministry and every time the person dreams about a certain bus, God for some reason might use the bus as a symbol of his ministry. So every time the bus shows up in his dream, then he knows God is talking about the ministry. Maybe the bus is travelling very fast and taking risky roads and a road sign appears and say “Beware”. Then the person knows God is referring to his ministry. He is going too fast and is taking risky decisions and the road sign tells him to be careful and slow down. This is just a very simple explanation. Now for someone else that dreams about a bus, the bus might have a totally other meaning. If we are diligent, we can develop our skill in interpreting our dreams accurately with the help of the Holy Spirit. Most dreams need to be interpreted symbolically and not literally. Some very vivid dreams can come out the way just as one dreams, but this is in the minority I believe. It takes a walk with God to discern

correctly and use any gifts that He gives us including that of interpreting dreams.

God often speaks to us through things that we can relate to. There are books that can help you. Just be sure when you buy books on the interpretation of dreams that you do not buy something that is Holy Spirit inspired. Dreams can be very valuable in hearing the voice of God, but do be responsible and check it out with the Holy Spirit and be willing to wait for the meaning. Sometimes things need to work out in your circumstances to shed further light on what you have dreamt. Do not rush into things without the peace of God.

If you dream a few things in succession (one short dream after another) in one go, write it down. It might not look like they relate to each other, but often they will all mean the same thing.

It is good to write the whole dream down, every detail of it. Write down the “story” of the dream, the impressions and emotions you went through in the dream, the numbers, colours, people, the place where you are, time, etceteras. Most of the times it will not come to literal fulfilment but you need to find the symbolic meaning to it. If a dream bothers you, pray until you have peace about it, and expect in faith that the Lord will give you the interpretation. Develop a sensitive ear, practise to walk intimately with the Lord, get to know His ways and be hungry to hear from Him. It is a promise: God’s sheep hear His voice.

## **VISIONS:**

You can see a vision in a dream, but otherwise you are awake. Acts chapter 10 is a good example of how God spoke in different ways to Cornelius and Peter before He sent him to

the house of Cornelius. Cornelius saw in vision an angel of the Lord, the angel spoke to him and Cornelius spoke back. Peter fell into a trance. In the trance he had a conversation with God. While Peter was thinking about the vision, the Holy Spirit told him that there are three men from Cornelius' house that are seeking him and that he must go with them. A vision, when you are awake, does not depend on your eyes being closed or shut. During a trance you are aware of what God is showing you, the things around you are sort of on the background, but you are not sensitive about it. I do not think you are unconscious, but your focus is completely fixed on what God is showing you. It could be that because of Peter's Jewish background, and because the Holy Spirit was so far not yet poured out on the Gentiles, that God took him into a trance to take him beyond his reasoning mind and experience, to show him that what God did for the Jews He is also going to do for the Gentiles. God was going to take him to the home of Cornelius, a Gentile and show him something he had to be prepared for. Sometimes I wonder if God does not take us into a trance as an extreme way, to get us out of our mindsets and show us His. The trance, because you are aware of only what God is showing you, can take the reasoning mind out of the way so to speak, so that God can communicate to you what He wants to. I believe that there is a difference between a trance and a vision and I think that one of the differences has to do with a degree of intensity. There are many dreams and visions in the Bible that you can look into as examples to study.

### **GOD CAN SPEAK THROUGH AN AUDIBLE VOICE:**

Samuel heard the audible voice of God. It was so real and so "natural: that he thought it was Eli calling Him. It is a privilege to hear the audible voice of God. God will not speak to us every day in an audible voice, because He wants us to learn to hear His Spirit in our spirits. God can speak to us in an

audible voice at any time that He may choose to do so. People that had heard the audible voice of God, usually say that they looked around to see who was talking to them. You will hear His voice audibly when He speaks to you in this manner. When Samuel heard the audible voice of God, he did not know that it was God because that was the first time God spoke to him like that.

When Samuel heard the audible voice of God, he did not know that it was the voice of God because it was the first time God spoke to him like that. The interesting thing is that he knew the voice of Eli, so to confuse God's voice with Eli's voice there must have been a reason. One of the reasons can be that when God speaks audibly, He speaks in a "human voice" in order for the hearer to understand. Whereas the audible voice of God is heard audibly, the still small voice is not audibly, it is not a sound, it comes from Spirit to spirit.

### **GOD CAN SPEAK TO YOU THROUGH DESIRE:**

In our carnality we often try to suppress our desires especially if we know they are not in line with what God wants from us. Suppressing desires is not the answer. A death to the LIFE of the soul needs to take place (not a death to the FUNCTIONS of the soul). The life of the soul is created life and was affected by sin. To die to the life of the soul is to enter into the life of Christ within the soul. When you walk by the spirit, your mind, will and emotions (which are MAIN FUNCTIONS of your soul) are subject to the spirit. Your spirit is then subject to the Holy Spirit. Through sanctified desire God surely speaks to us. God has often spoken to me through my desire, and because it was MY desire, it was a battle for me. I had to spend a lot of time in the presence of God, praying through to make sure it was not my own desire in the sense of fleshly or soulish realms. I always came to a point where I had to give up, die to the very desire of my heart and in God's timing He

always showed me that the desire was also His desire for me. Your desire and God's desire CAN be the same, and yet you have not died to the soul life, then your desire is still a soulish desire! As I started to learn the difference between a soulish desire and a spiritual desire it was easier and quicker for me to discern whether my desire and God's desire was the same. In the beginning of my walk with God and because of a fear that I would miss God, it sometimes took months to pray through a desire and allow God to do an interior work in me. Until I started to recognise what was of God and what was just my own soulish longings.

One of the best ways to know if something is of God or not, is to give it up (Abraham – Isaac test) and if God brings it back to you, you will know. Just make sure it is God that brings it and not someone else!

When it comes to the desire of your heart, you must know that there are also distractions in the realm of the spirit. It took Daniel some time to hear God. There can be an obstruction in the realm of the spirit because the enemy is opposing us. Sometimes you can be happily doing something and then it is like suddenly there is like a restlessness. (Not the same as the restlessness of the flesh or demonic activity) Then you lose taste for what you are doing, and by desire you get up and go and do something else. Or go somewhere and when you get to the place of your "desire" you discover that God has a divine appointment for you. Sometimes it is just the desire that is the leading of the Lord; you might not and usually do not know exactly what it all entails. But as you follow the desire in your heart, God starts to unfold His purposes and when you look back you will see that it was truly the desire of the Lord in you. There is something like divine restlessness, when God is stirring your cage. To get you to go and do something for Him, or when you get stuck in your journey with Him. He will stir you to restlessness until you break through into the ongoing things

that He has for you. You must, however, be alert that restlessness CAN be because of demonic activity or a fleshly thing. There can, of course, also be a restlessness that has a natural cause. Once you deal with the natural requirement, the restlessness will no longer be there. Just discern where it comes from, that is the key.

### **GOD CAN SPEAK TO US THROUGH MATURE BELIEVERS:**

They have a responsibility to perfect the saints. We can hear the voice of God through Godly men and women of God. The ball here is still in your court. It is up to you whether you take that counsel or not. I do not like to go to someone to ask for directive or counsel before I have really pressed into God. I want God to speak into my spirit and by the time I do go to someone I trust, the result is usually a confirmation of what God has spoken into my spirit. Your leadership is there for you and it is good to obey and learn from them. But you MUST learn to hear from God for yourself. Do not be lazy and be led by “man” only.

### **GOD WILL SPEAK TO YOU IN A WAY THAT HE CHOOSES:**

One cannot tell God how He must speak. He is a Person. He chooses how He wants to speak for He knows best. However, if you do have faith and the release in your spirit, there can be times to do it this way and God will come through in that way, but be careful for presumption. Walking with God for many years, God mostly speaks to me through the Holy Spirit into my spirit or in any way that He chooses. At times I did had the faith and the liberty to ask the Holy Spirit for specific ways to give me answers and He has done that. I do think that in these situations the reason why I had that liberty, was because that was the way that the Holy Spirit led me. The motivation in

my heart was pure as I was simply led by the Holy Spirit to ask Him to speak to me in a specific way. God is sovereign. In the natural when we speak to people and ask them something, we do not tell them how to answer us, they will through their own will decide how to put their words together. This is the same with God. We can go through a stage when we just want God to speak to us through a prophetic word and in no other way. Prophecy is only one of the ways in which God speaks to us. God might have a different route for you in a specific area and He knows why He takes you via that route. If you insist on your own way of wanting to hear from God, you might miss the very thing that He is telling you in some other way.

### **GOD DOES SPEAK TO US THROUGH PROPHECY:**

Prophecy is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. In 1 Timothy 1:18 Paul instructed Timothy to wage the good warfare by the prophecies that were spoken over his life. (Read my booklet "The Gift of Prophecy" or my book "School of Prophets 1"). When you are in a service where other people are present, and a general prophecy is spoken over the people, there might be just one sentence that is specifically applicable to you and you will know it, for it will touch your heart. Something else might be for another person. When prophecy comes in this fashion, you will know when it is for you or not. Prophecies have correct timings. I have learnt that in the comings and goings to nations or places for God that it is very important to yield to the Stop signs of God. I also then had to recognise when He said, "Go". When He said, "Stay" there were things to work through. God teaches us valuable lessons in the waiting seasons. The stops and waits of God are very important – obey Him. He knows what He is doing.



## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH ANGELS:**

Angels can appear to us in dreams and speak to us. God can also open our eyes so that we can see into the spirit realm. It is not necessary that when angels appear to us, that they will speak to us, but they can. God just might show you an angel to encourage you and to show you that you are not by yourself. Hebrews 1:14 tells us that angels are ministering spirits unto the people of God. Angels are executing the word of God (Psalm 103:20).

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD:**

This is not a legalistic self-choosing of the letter of the word pressing it into one's mould to make God say something that He does not. We can take a word, which for our situation was not quickened by the Holy Spirit, and by prayer hold it before God until it becomes rhema to us. It is not God that has to believe His word, it is us. I have counselled people that have taken a word from the Bible and took it as a word for them personally but without the prompting of the Holy Spirit. When things did not work out the way they interpreted the word, they became bitter and stopped to grow in their relationship with God. We have to be led by the Holy Spirit. By reading and studying God's Word, God can quicken things and make the word alive to our hearts, so that we do have true faith in what He says in our situation. Surely God speaks to us through His word, but the Word and the Spirit are always in agreement. God works by principles and His ways are not our ways. You can take a promise in the Word and make it your own, but you have to work it through with the Holy Spirit who will always lead you into all truth.

## **GOD CAN SPEAK TO US THROUGH A PROPHET:**

God can speak to us through someone who is in the office of the prophet. God can also speak to you through prophecy through another believer, who operates in the gift of prophecy. A prophet's word will carry weight because he operates in prophecy, word of knowledge and the word of wisdom. (See my booklet "Five Fold Ministry Prophets" or "School of Prophets 1").

## **GOD CAN SPEAK TO US THROUGH WORKING QUESTIONS IN OUR HEARTS:**

As you press in to find the answer to these questions, when you find it, you will realise that it is exactly the thing God is telling you. When I have a question in my heart I know I must seek God's face for the answer. The Holy Spirit will make me aware that the question is not by co-incidence or because I just want to know something, it is Him activating that question so that I am stirred to seek the answer. Some questions I had in my heart, I had to pray through for years before the answers came. But the longer I had to wait, if I prayed through and waited in faithfulness, not allowing anything to quench the hunger and to know what God has to say about the question, it was always much bigger than what I thought it would be. God has never disappointed me when the answer finally came. The waiting and the struggle was not easy, but it was worth it over and over. It satisfied my soul when God brought the answer. I could not settle for less, nothing could substitute the answer that comes from the mouth of God.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

God can use circumstances to speak to us. Often when I have sought God's face in prayer until the release was in my spirit, the answer that came in my circumstances always witnessed

in my spirit. He always confirmed by circumstances that fell into place. Should you then step into new situations which are unexpected or that you did not bargain for or prepared for, you will still see God's hand in it and the witness in your spirit will confirm that this is what was in God's heart. Just do not be led astray by circumstances alone, because it is not all circumstances that flow along with God's plans for you. Here again you need discernment and also the patience to wait on God until He confirms.

### **GOD CAN SPEAK TO US THROUGH NATURE:**

Read Psalm 19. Nature has taught me a lot about God and His ways. For example the seasons of the year. As there are seasons in nature, so there are seasons in the spirit.

### **GOD CAN SPEAK TO US THROUGH SIGNS AND WONDERS:**

Moses and the burning bush is just one example. There are many examples in the Word of God that you can study.

**GOD CAN SPEAK TO US THROUGH TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION** (See my booklet "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit" or my booklet "School of Prophets 1).

### **GOD CAN SPEAK TO US WHILE STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD:**

When we study God's word, it might not be directional revelation that we receive at that time. But He will help us, to build a foundation, to lay principles of truth in your life. So that as we go on in God, we have learnt that there are certain ways God will do or not do something. You build yourself up by studying His word and learn of His promises and conditions.

## **IN TIMES OF FASTING AND PRAYING:**

If you fast and pray through a certain situation, God will speak to you. In the presence of God, He will always do for you what is best. He will direct you and speak to you. Press into that place, and become quiet before God and are yielded to Him. Set your face to seek Him, set your ear to hear Him. Sometimes you can press in for something and not get the answer immediately and then one day suddenly the answer will just be there. God is faithful to give us strategy in a situation. It is much better to press in to God to find strategy than to run around. We often think we waste time in spending long periods in God's presence and rather would run around to find out how to do a thing or what to do. You can save yourself a lot of time, by spending proper time with God. Until you hear Him, then what He will tell you will work and it will not take very long.

God can use anything and any way He chooses to speak to us. He can speak through just the title of a book, through something small and ordinary. The key to hearing God is fellowship with Him. God can also speak to you through a flow of God-inspired thoughts. Do not limit Him!

## **THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOU TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD:**

- Praying in tongues.
- To have set times of prayer.
- To remain in a spirit of prayer.
- Whatever time is convenient to you, set that time out and be faithful to that time. This will help you to remain in a spirit of prayer. If you nourish and protect

remaining in the spirit of prayer, you will find you do not want to miss your set times of prayer. In fixed times of prayer, if you stick to it, you will start to break through. Always work on extending your prayer time. Yesterday's breakthroughs is not enough, we need always to break into deeper depths in God.

- Fasting helps us to hear God's voice.
- A hunger for God. If you are hungry for God, anything or anyone will not stop you. You will press in until the breakthroughs and the answers come.
- Praying, seeking and knocking is a lifestyle.
- Repentance, brokenness, yieldedness and openness to the Holy Spirit.
- Obedience.
- To practise God's presence. Your spiritual ears will be sharpened.
- Learning to know the ways of God. Miracles are wonderful and I love it when God does a miracle, but we cannot only live from miracles. If we know God's ways, it is much easier to follow His leading. You will learn to know that there are certain ways God will not work. You get to know Him and when you get to know Him, you get to know the ways in which He operates. God will not violate His character.

### **THINGS THAT WILL HELP US HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD:**

- Holiness

- Praise
- Worship
- Waiting in the Glory
- Surrender and abandonment to God
- Waiting on God might mean more than one thing, but one thing it does mean, is that you literally have to wait on Him. Do not rush God. Wait in His presence. It is the best investment of time that you can make. From out of His presence you can do much more much faster.
- Expect God to speak to you. Have that expectancy within that God is going to speak to you. Do not think He will not speak to you. His sheep hears His voice. This is a fact and a truth. Have faith and have patience. Do not tell God how He must speak to you unless you do it by the prompting of His Spirit or faith in your heart. Whenever you release your faith, God will move for you in that situation. When you find that there is a silence and it looks like God is not speaking to you, just wait with expectancy. You can wait for days, weeks, months or even years concerning some things. God knows when to show up. If you are certain there is nothing from your side that can cause an obstruction, then just wait on Him. When He does not speak into something specifically He has a reason why He does not. In times that I thought God did not speak to me, when I looked afterward in retrospect, I realised that He spoke much more than what I could understand at the time, but when the fullness of time came, all things fell into place.
- Have a teachable spirit. A teachable spirit can easily hear God. Be willing to do his will and be willing to hear

what He says even if it does not suit you. Have you ever experienced that on the one hand you want God to speak to you, but on the other hand, you do not want to hear because you are afraid you might not like what He tells you. Be open and honest before God, do not hide anything. Resist popular opinion and hear what God says. Guard your own heart and life in God. Be a worshipper in your lifestyle and your expression of worship unto Him.

### **HINDRANCES TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD;**

- Personal or mental strongholds. A mental stronghold can have its root in different things. It can be passed on to us by tradition, religion, parents, authority figures, community living, etceteras. Anything, which forms a stronghold in your mind, regardless of the way that it came, will hinder you to hear the voice of God. Those strongholds will have to be broken before you can hear God. If one holds on to a strong opinion (opinionated) and refuse to hear others on that topic, it is often an indication of a stronghold. If you refuse to let go of this, you will not get free in that area. Whenever there is an area that we refuse the workings of the Holy Spirit, we will never be free in that area.
- When an evil spirit is operating, it can cause us not to hear God, even if we want to. I have learnt that in ministering in the lives of people, that you cannot discuss something with an evil spirit. There is no way you can talk something through with an evil spirit. They are stubborn. An evil spirit will not listen to nice talk. An evil spirit has to be cast out. If the person does not want to repent and separate with that evil spirit you can

do nothing for that person until they come to a place of repentance and willingness to let go.

- It is amazing how many strongholds we can have in our minds. The Holy Spirit will reveal it to someone who is hungry for God and wants to be free and willing to humble himself under the hand of God. It takes the power of God to break through these strongholds. When one listens to a person with a stronghold in the mind, one cannot understand how they can reason like that. There are subtle things. When God moves into a new thing for you, the biggest battle will be for your mind to let go of the old pattern of thinking and being and doing. To enter into new things, you first need a new mindset that is free from the old. An old mindset cannot enter into new things. A strong opinion where I insist on and refuse to change can keep me from hearing the voice of God. When there is a refusal in me for change, I will stop my ears and I will not hear. (Because I know that if I hear, I will have to repent and repentance is the very thing I do not want to do).
- At times when my will was opposite to God's and I was not ready or willing for His correction, I would avoid to speak to God about the issue. I knew that if I spoke to God, He would challenge me for change. In my heart I truly wanted to go on in God, but on the other hand I blocked my ears. One can block or unblock one's ears with one's WILL. An unteachable spirit is a hindrance in hearing the voice of God.
- Stubbornness.
- Things that you have made up your mind about and a refusal to be corrected by man or God.



- Sin.
- Unforgiveness and bitterness.
- Prejudice (prejudices is rooted in pride).
- People's influences in your life. Manipulation, control or even to be soul-tied to people whom do not have a close walk with God.
- Grieving the Holy Spirit, resisting the Holy Spirit.
- Lack of Commitment, lack of surrender.
- A fleshly mindset and fleshly desires are all major hindrances to hearing God's voice. God can speak, but our flesh will scream so hard that we will not hear what God is saying.
- If things and people are more important to you than God, your spiritual hearing will be impaired.
- Lack of prayer (prayerlessness), lack of fasting, lack of God's word, wrong fellowship and associations will all influence the quality of your hearing.
- Deception and self-deception is one of the greatest hindrances to hearing the voice of God. Deception and self-deception is dangerous and subtle. Satan is a master-deceiver, in the natural we are no match for him. It is only in Christ that we are a match for him. No one is above being tempted. The only thing that will set you free from deception is if you know the truth. One will never know the truth if one refuses to receive and welcome the truth. Self-deception is when we purpose

in our hearts to deceive ourselves because we do not want to know the truth. It suits us better than to come up with something that might look good to us, but the root of it is self-deception. Whenever one receives and welcomes the truth and knows what God is saying and does not resist what He says, one cannot stay deceived.

- Truth will never take one into bondage, but if one chooses to believe the lie, bondage will surely set in.
- Hardness of heart will hinder one in hearing God's voice.
- Enmity against God or someone else will cause obstructions.
- Disobedience. I remember when I just started my walk with God, God taught me to discern His voice between many voices. Every time I obeyed God in critical testing times, I always was able to hear His voice better than I used to. Obedience enlarged my capacity to hear Him.
- These are just a few of the things that can cause us to be hindered in our hearing of God's voice. If you truly ask the Holy Spirit to show you the hindrances He is faithful to show you. Be willing to see and to hear what He shows you. It is never nice when God puts His finger on something, but if we allow Him to change us, we step into a liberty in God that we never dreamt possible.

Read Habakkuk 2:1-2 and Romans 10:17. Position yourself to hear Him – He wants to speak to you.

## HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

God wants to speak to His children. The promise of Jesus in John chapter 10 is that His sheep hears His voice. God is fine-tuning us in these days to get us into a place of a greater hearing of the voice of God. This booklet tells of various ways in which God speaks to us.

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