

I CAN RECOGNIZE GOD'S VOICE



HEARING GOD'S VOICE

There is no greater gift than hearing from God. To receive encouragement and guidance from God is amazing; his words are kind and clear, his intent is for our flourishing; he guides us with expertise.

We believe that God absolutely speaks to us. We believe this, because we believe that he loves us! God is our loving heavenly Father and he wants to communicate with his kids!

How do we hear him? Listen.

In this resource, you will find 4 guiding principles to help you quiet yourself, receive from God, and listen in alignment with the things of God.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me."

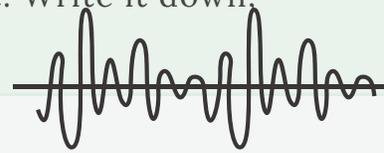
~ John 10:27



ACTIVE LISTENING

We often miss hearing God because we aren't listening. We want to honor God by listening intentionally. Here are some ways how:

1. Be still in God's presence. Give worries or distractions to God. Pray: "Holy Spirit, I welcome you. Come and be here with me in this moment."
2. Focus on Jesus. Use your imagination to picture Jesus. Read some scripture.
3. Ask Jesus a question, "Jesus, how do you see me?" or "Jesus, what do you want to say to me today?"
3. Listen, open-handedly. Pay attention to words, feelings, or scripture that comes to mind. What might Jesus be saying?
4. Write it down. Keep a journal of what God says to you - it's important! Write it down, unfiltered, just as you hear it.



LOVE LIKE JESUS

God is love, and everyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16

God is love and his voice is love.

We hear the Holy Spirit best when we are in a place of love. The Holy Spirit always speaks lovingly of other people and of us. If we aren't loving, it's hard for us to hear God. And if it isn't loving, it isn't from God!

Posture for hearing God: Love.
Test for hearing God: Love.

HIS VOICE ON THE PAGE

The primary way God speaks to us is through the Bible.

Want to hear what God says?

Read the Bible.

Don't make God repeat himself all the time. While we are longing for half a sentence from God, he's already written us a whole book!

Read with an open mind and heart. God will highlight important things for you.

LOVE FOR ME

Jesus said, "I have loved you, like my Father loves me. Remain in my love. I will send you the Helper, the Holy Spirit, and he will guide you into all truth."
~ John 15:9, 27

Jesus loves you. His voice will always sound like love and truth for you, personally. If it is condemning or false, it is not God's voice.

