



I CAN HEAR FROM GOD AND BE LED BY HIS SPIRIT!

When you're separated by miles, there's nothing quite like hearing the voice of a loved one on the other side of a phone line. Letters are beautiful and meaningful, but when you carry on a conversation with someone you love, you can hear their emotion, their personality and their passion. It connects you to their soul in a way little else can.

God has written us an amazing letter. The Bible is living and active and through it, he speaks to our hearts. But praise God, he doesn't *stop* there. Just like the loved one on the phone, God longs for you to hear his voice speak directly to your spirit, and he speaks in a myriad of different ways — through dreams, visions, impressions, strong promptings and more. He also speaks to us through other people.

God is still speaking.

In fact, he has been speaking to you since before your first breath. You don't need to beg him to speak or to prove somehow that you are worthy to hear his voice. You are his child, and he longs to speak directly to your heart with specific direction and encouragement. In fact, he wants to open a regular line of communication with you. You simply need to learn to *recognize* and trust his voice. When a baby is in their mother's womb, they begin to distinguish their mother's voice. After birth, when nursing, they are the perfect distance from their mother's face/voice to intimately imprint her features upon their little hearts. In the same way, when you were born spiritually you might not have known it, but you began to distinguish his voice from others. And as you spend time in face-to-face connection with him you will discern his voice and find he is imprinting his features upon your heart. Don't get discouraged or lose hope. He is *already* speaking to you. Ask him today for ears to hear what he is saying...and keep listening!

“My *sheep listen to my voice*. I know them, and they follow me!” John 10:27 – Emphasis added.

“For those who are *led by the Spirit of God* are the children of God” Romans 8:14 – Emphasis added.

“And we all, with unveiled face, *beholding the glory* of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit” 2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV) – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *As you have walked through the daily listening time throughout this devotional, how has God spoken to you? In what ways have you grown in your ability to hear or discern his voice?*

2. Are you positioning your life with enough quiet time to be still before God and just hear him? Ask God to give you wisdom and direction to build and protect times of stillness in his presence. What is he calling you to do?

WORSHIP RESOURCE:

“Surrounded by the chaos. Softly now you whisper. And I can hear you now!”

Listen to “I Can Hear You Now” by The Overflow. Find more info about their album at the back of the devotional.

PRAYER:

Father, I believe that you speak to me. I reject the voice of the enemy and command him to be silent in the name of Jesus Christ. I choose to listen to your voice and to follow your leading. Help me to discern what I hear. I choose to receive your communication however you send it – through dreams, visions, Scripture, inner voice, words from others, the prophetic word or any other way. Thank you that you want to speak to me. I want to hear from you!

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Ask, “Have you heard from God? How does he speak to you? Give a specific example.” Pray to hear him more clearly and regularly. If they feel they have not heard from God, encourage them with your own story and let them know that he *is* speaking to them. Pray over them, that they would be able to recognize his voice!

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for someone to clearly hear God's voice.