

Intro: Our foundation and basis this Series

We need:

- ✓ The Fear of God
- ✓ Word, Holy Spirit and His Body
- ✓ Humility and teachability
- ✓ Childlike faith
- ✓ Honesty and accountability
- And... You can hear God's Voice





2. How does God speak?

No limit in how He speaks –

2.1 God's Word:

It is the <u>foundation</u>, filter and first tester of all that God says to us...

2.2 Holy Spirit and Prayer:

Indwelling Spirit of God in all of us as believers - Prayer I talking to God and hearing Him speak

1 Kings 19:12 [Elijah] ...there was a voice, a soft whisper.



How do I know if the inner voice is Him: Four filters



1. In line with the Word I Sound like God's Character

Grow: Word and prayer, Word and prayer; HUMILITY



John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:4 ... The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. 5 They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don't recognize the voice of strangers.

Time, time, time I intimacy and relationship

- 2. Attested by two to three witnesses | 2 Cor 13:1
- 3. Friends, Family and Leaders I Accountability
- 4. Fruit of it is Peace | Not understanding



2.3 Dreams and Visions:

Joel 2:28 "And afterward, I will pour out my <u>Spirit on all people</u>.
Your sons and daughters will <u>prophesy</u>, your old men will <u>dream</u> dreams, your young men will <u>see visions</u>."

Acts 2:12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...

Dreams and Visions:

<u>Dreams:</u> These occur during sleep. God often uses dreams to reveal His will

Examples: Joseph (Genesis 37), Pharaoh (Genesis 41), and Joseph the husband of Mary (Matthew 1:20).

- **1. Guidance** showing the right path or decision.
- 2. Warning revealing danger or sin.
- **3. Prophecy** encouraging, foretelling future events.

Visions: See by the Spirit. Often symbolic and can be prophetic.

Examples: Ezekiel's visions (Ezekiel 1), Peter's vision (Acts 10), and John's Revelation (Revelation 1).

- **4. Confirmation –** strengthening faith or calling.
- 5. Revelation unveiling divine truths.



2.4 Creation:

Romans 1:20 For his <u>invisible attributes</u>, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, <u>have been clearly perceived</u>, ever since the <u>creation of the world</u>, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Psalm 19 The Witness of Creation and Scripture 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands. 2 Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge. 3 There is no speech; there are no words; their voice is not heard. 4 Their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

2.5 The Body:

God Speaks

- Believers and other people:

God speaks through others: Fellow disciples, friends and family, leaders

Wise counsel, teaching and gifts:

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..."

2 Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season... for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

God Speaks

1 Corinthians 14:3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their <u>strengthening</u>, <u>encouraging and comfort</u>.

2.6 Senses – feelings and impressions:



Hebrews 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2.7 Circumstances:

Romans 8:28 – God works all things together for good.

Sovereignly in control for those who allow Him to be Lord...



