

The Voice of God (part 2)



Last week we established that God is still speaking to His children and began to cover some of the ways that occurs - Seeing and Hearing. This week we will look at some additional ways God is speaking to us.

Monday October 21: FEEL - Being in tune with the mind of Christ as a feeler is when the Holy Spirit brings clarity, insight or instruction through your emotions, or through the ability to feel physically what is present spiritually. Feeling means receiving divine knowledge through a deep internal (and sometimes emotional) sense, which then may be followed by additional communication that comes through supernaturally knowing, seeing or hearing (three of the other ways we are looking at this week.)



1. Acts 19:21 (**NLT**) – Afterward Paul _____ by the Spirit to go over to Macedonia and Achaia before going to Jerusalem.
 2. Romans 8:14-16 – what emotions are we freed from in the Spirit and which do we receive?
 3. Add to this the promise given in *Matthew 7:11 (NKJV)*
If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who _____!"
- Rest in the sonship he is offering you today. How does that feel?
4. Hebrews 4: 15 tells us that Jesus can _____ with our weaknesses.
 5. Luke 8:43-46 (NIV) How did Jesus know powers had gone out from him?
 6. Matthew 20:34 (NIV) - Jesus had _____ on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.
 7. Mark 1:40 – 41 (NLT) - A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. _____ with _____, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!"

8. Luke 7:36-50 (NIV).
 - a. Vs. 38 - As she stood behind him at his feet _____, she began to wet his feet with her _____. **Then** she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.
 - b. What proceeded her action?
 - c. What were the results in vs 48-50?



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When Jesus was moved with compassion (feelings, emotions) in a deep internal sense, He stepped out with solutions of wisdom, healing, and power. God often uses our emotions to prompt us toward an action, to confirm a decision, or to simply lavish His love upon us.



Key Point: One of the ways God communicates with us is through _____.



Journal: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you become self-aware so that you have insight into your own emotional condition. Write how you would describe your “default” emotional state (calm, anxious, slow boil, happy, peaceful, worried, depressed, etc.)

This will help you differentiate between the intuitive feelings the Holy Spirit gives you and those which are common to your natural humanity. Write how you think this is or will be different when it is a feeling prompted from the Holy Spirit.



Activation: Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to your mind a time when you felt the presence of God. **Thank Him for speaking to you in that way.**

Share a quick note in your group chat about the experience.





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Tuesday, October 22: KNOW – Sometimes we just know. This is a very common way that God speaks to men. He gives us a knowing and confidence that what we know is right.



1. Luke 5:22 NLT - Jesus _____ what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts?"
2. Matt 9:4 NLT - Jesus _____ . . .
3. Luke 11:17 NLT He _____ their thoughts . . .
4. Matt 22:18 NIV But Jesus, _____ their evil intent . . .
5. John 6:15 NIV Jesus, _____ that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.
6. How did Jesus know? (John 12:49-50)

A few more examples of knowing are when Jesus knew how to feed the multitude and where to direct the disciples to cast their nets for a miraculous catch of fish (see John 6:1-14; Luke 5:1-11). Additionally, there are instances of others demonstrating this same spiritual discernment, such as when Peter recognized that Ananias and Sapphira were being deceitful about the proceeds from the sale of their property (see Acts 5:1-11).

7. Remember where this knowing must come from:
 - a. **John 16:13**
 - b. **1 Corinthians 2:10-11**
8. Read Romans 2:14-15 - What does this add to the idea of **knowing** God's will?



Key Point: Another way God can speak to us, beyond seeing, hearing, and feeling, is a sense of _____.



Journal: Let's lean into the sense of knowing. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you at least 5 things that you **know** are true about you, and at least 3 things that you **know** He would like you to do. Record them in your journal.



Activation: Let's practice this sense of knowing with others. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you know something that is true about someone in your group.

It will be something that will Strengthen, Encourage or Comfort (**1 Cor 14:3**) your fellow apprentice.

Now, be brave and share what you **know**, as shared to you by the Holy Spirit. Put it in your group chat. This should be fun!



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Wednesday October 23: OTHER WAYS

God cannot and will not be limited. There is a myriad of ways that He speaks to us. In addition to seeing, hearing, feeling, and knowing, God communicates with His people in all kinds of ways.



1. Read:

- a. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- b. **Hebrews 4:12**
- c. **Is 8:20**
- d. **Acts 17:11**

These verses illustrate that God speaks to us through _____

2. Read:

- a. **Psalm 19:1-2**
- b. **Romans 1:20**
- c. **Job 12:7-9**

These verses illustrate that God speaks to us through _____

3. In **Luke 1:28-30** How did God speak?

4. In **Exodus 3:2-4** what did God use to capture Moses' attention and then speaks to him audibly?

5. How did God speak to Gideon in **Judges 6:36-40**?

6. How did God speak to Paul in **Acts 21:10-11**?

7. How did God speak in **Numbers 22:28**?

8. What's different about how God spoke in **Acts 13:2-3 NIV**?

- a. **Did you catch that?** While _____ were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after _____ had fasted and prayed, _____ placed their hands on them and sent them off.

9. Read:

- a. **Ephesians 5:19**
- b. **Psalm 40:3**
- c. **Colossians 3:16**

These verses illustrate that God speaks to us through _____

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Key Point: God can speak to us _____.



Journal: Pick any of the verses from today's study. Write it in your journal and ask God to reveal something just for you from the verse. Write it in your journal.



Activation:

1. If it's dark outside you can do it now. If not wait till tonight. Step outside when it is dark out. Look up into the sky and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about the night (or early morning) sky above you. Tell someone what God said to you about the night sky. Ask them what they think about what you shared.
2. Music can be a powerful way God speaks to us. Zephaniah 3:17 describes God singing over us. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to a song that He wants to sing over you. Listen to the song with new ears. Listen to it as if God is singing it over you. In group chat share the song and at least one thing you heard as you listened.



Thursday October 24: THE PROPHETIC

The Prophetic - Simply stated operating in the prophetic is simply hearing from God and sharing it with others. Today we want to take a closer look at what the word of God has to say about it.



1. Read I Corinthians 14

- a. Vs 1 says that we should desire which spiritual gift the most?
- b. Vs 3 – why should we desire it?
- c. In Vs 5 – Paul would rather us do what than speak in Tongues?
- d. In Vs 6-12 He gives some reasons. Can you list a few?



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- 2.
- 3.

- e. Prophecy is for who – Vs. 22?
 - f. What is an unbeliever's response to encountering prophecy? (Vs. 24-25)
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2. What should our attitude be toward Prophecy? 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 NLT
 3. According to Revelation 19:10 (NLT) – What is the essence of prophecy?
 4. Can there be a future component to prophecy?
 - a. Amos 3:7
 - b. John 16:13

Certainly, there can be revealing of things to come in prophecy. There are lots of examples throughout the Bible; the Book of Daniel and Revelation being huge examples. Just keep in mind the purpose of prophecy (1Cor.14:3) and the guard rails from last week (Acts 17:1, Is 8:20, 1 Thess 5:20-21)



Key Point: God still speaks through _____.



Journal: Write the name of all the other men from your group in your journal. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak a word to you (it can literally be one word) and write the first thing He brings to your mind beside each name.



Activation: At the retreat this weekend let's **practice** the prophetic:

1. Find the guys from your group.
2. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your words and share with them either what you already wrote in your journal or something new you feel the Holy Spirit wants you to share.
3. Ask them for feedback on what you shared.

(If you are not going to be at the retreat, then text each guy individually and share the same thing.)



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Friday, October 25: Look back



Go back - there were a lot of verses this previous week. Re-read some of them and let the Holy Spirit speak to you.



Take a moment to record what God has revealed to you this week.



Saturday, October 26: No Assignment – keep practicing conversations with God and prophetic words for others.



****Extra Credit:** If you have some extra time or to come back to later:

1. God can use **life circumstances** and events (providence) to speak to us, revealing His will and guiding us in specific directions. (See Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28, Proverbs 16:9)
2. God sometimes communicates through **historical events** and patterns, using them to reveal His larger plans and purposes. (See Daniel 2:21, Acts 17:26-27, Isaiah 46:9-10)

