

GOD SPEAKS

**& YOU'RE
NOT DEAF**



**“And God said...”
appears 1,900
times in the Bible**



God Spoke to...

- Adam (Genesis 2, 3)
- Noah and his sons (Gen 6:13-21, 7:1-4, 8:15-17, 9:1-17)
- Moses (Exodus 20)
- Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1, 12, 22, 30, 33)
- Job and his friends (Job 38:1-42:6)



God Spoke to...

- Jacob (Gen 28:13-15, 35:1,9-12)
- David (1 Sam 23:2, 23:4, 30:8, 2 Sam 2:1, 5:19, 5:23-24)
- Solomon (1 Kings 3:5-15)
- Elijah (1 Kings 19:9-18)
- Isaiah (2 Kings 20:4, Isaiah 6:8-12)



God Spoke to...

- Jonah (Jonah 1:1-2, 3:1-2, 4:4, 4:9-11)
- Hosea (Hosea 1:2-5)
- Zechariah (Zec 1:1-17)
- Saul/Paul (Acts 9, Acts 18:9-10)



Malachi 3:6 (NLT)

**I am the LORD, and I do not
change.**



In 9 cases, Jesus initiated the conversations:

Examples:

- a Samaritan woman (John 4:7-42)
- a crippled beggar (John 5:1-15)



25 time Jesus responded to other people's inquiries:

Examples:

- a rich young ruler (Matt. 19:16-30)
- a hemorrhaging woman (Mark 5:24-34)



Jesus spoke to:

- tax collectors and “sinners” (Matt. 9:9-13)
- Herod (Luke 23:6-16)
- Nathaniel (John 1:45-51)
- Woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11)



Jesus spoke in:

- Marketplace
- Homes
- Temple
- Wheat fields
- Wells



Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)

**Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.**



John 10:27 (NLT)

**My sheep listen to my voice; I
know them, and they follow me.**



Hebrews 1:1-2 (NLT)

“Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son.”



John 14:26 (ESV)

Jesus says, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”



Hebrews 3:7-11 (NLT)

That is why the Holy Spirit says, “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness.



Hebrews 3:7-11 (NLT)

There your ancestors tested and tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years. So I was angry with them, and I said, “Their hearts always turn away from me.



Hebrews 3:7-11 (NLT)

They refuse to do what I tell them.” So in my anger I took an oath: “They will never enter my place of rest.”



Today, God speaks...

- by the Son
- through the Holy Spirit



The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit speaks through:

1. The Bible
2. Prayer
3. Other believers
4. Circumstances



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1 Samuel 3:7-11 (NIV)

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”



1 Samuel 3:7-11 (NIV)

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.



1 Samuel 3:7-11 (NIV)

**The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”
Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”**



1 Samuel 3:7-11 (NIV)

And the Lord said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.”



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When You're Not Confident in Your Ability to Hear...



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Be Confident in God's Ability to Speak.



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Promises



Every Child of God Can Hear God!

John 8:47

“Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”



You Can Hear Practical Guidance!

Isaiah 30:21

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.



You Can Hear Your Heavenly Father!

Matthew 7:11

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.



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Barriers



Barriers to Hearing God Speak...

1. Fear
2. Shame
3. Denial



1 John 4:17-19 (NLT)

Love is made perfect in us when we are not ashamed as we stand before Him on the day He judges. For we know that our life in this world is His life lived in us. There is no fear in love. Perfect love puts



1 John 4:17-19 (NLT)

fear out of our hearts. People have fear when they are afraid of being punished. The man who is afraid does not have perfect love. We love Him because He loved us first.



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**Love makes
hearing God
speak possible.**



Foundation of Love:

- God Throws a Party Over You
(Luke 15:20-24)
- You Are the Apple of God's Eye
(Zechariah 2:8)
- God Sings over You with Joy
(Zephaniah 3:17)



Hearing Problem = Love Problem



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Rules



**God will NEVER
contradict His
Word.**



Numbers 23:19 (NLT)

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?



1 John 4:1 (NLT)

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.



Luke 21:33 (NLT)

Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.



Does this align with the Word of God?



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Do you hear the voice of God?



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Requirements



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**Seek and You
shall find...**



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**If anyone hears
my voice...**



**Speak, Lord,
your servant is
listening.**

