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In an ordinary conversation, we speak, then listen for the response of the other person. It's the same with God! Once we've prepared our hearts to listen through prayer, we're more likely to hear the voice of God. Does He speak to us through an audible voice? Some may not actually "hear" the voice of God, but He speaks to us in many ways. Here are some of them:

- God speaks through His Word
- God speaks through our thoughts
- God speaks through conversations with others
- God speaks through circumstances

### **Habakkuk 2 New International Version (NIV)**

**2** I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

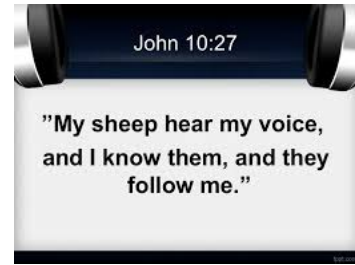


### ***Hearing God's Voice with the Help of the Holy Spirit***

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." ([John 14:26](#)).

Everybody already has the Holy Spirit available to you. As we seek God the Holy Spirit will prepare our hearts to hear God's voice.

God is constantly speaking to people. But too often, they miss out on hearing God's messages because they only seek Him occasionally – **usually when they're going through a crisis or facing a major decision.**



Then, with a dire need to hear from God, people are frustrated when they don't **clearly hear what they should do.** They start to wonder how to hear from God and why they aren't.

**The closer you get to God,** the more you can enjoy **ongoing conversations with Him,** both listening and hearing from Him, and the more God will use those conversations to transform you into the person He wants you to become.

Here are **7 ways how you can hear from God and recognize his voice regularly:**

**1. Recognize that God has created you for a close friendship with Himself.**

By design, God's will is to be personally present with you and speaking with you moment by moment as you go through life. Then you'll grow to understand Him more and become more like His Son, Jesus.

**2. Consider your motives for wanting to hear from God.**

Honestly reflect on why you want to hear from God. Is it because you're truly open to whatever God has to say and committed to putting His guidance into action and fulfilling His purposes, even when it is challenging? Or is it for a selfish reasons, getting your wants met, and not God's Will? Ask God to give you an openness to hear and respond faithfully to what He wants to tell you.



**3. Make your goal more than just hearing God.**

While it's important to hear from God, that shouldn't be your ultimate goal. **Instead, make your main goal to become a spiritually mature person in a close relationship with God.** That's the only way you'll clearly and correctly hear what God has to say to you.

## [Revelation 3:20](#),

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

### **4. Know that you're important to God, but be humble.**

God is willing to speak to you just as powerfully as He did to the people in the [Bible](#), because He values you just as much. However, we must be humble in order to faithfully receive and respond the messages God has for us.



### **5. Don't try to force God to tell you something.**

No matter how much you want to hear from God about something or how hard you may try to convince Him to speak to you, you'll only hear from God when *He* chooses to communicate with you.

**Focus on developing a respectful relationship with God and wait for His timing to deliver messages to you.**

### **6. Recognize that God communicates in many forms, be open to receive.**

God may choose any one of many different ways to communicate to you, some people sometimes hear God's message in dramatic ways, such as through angels, visions, or miraculous events. Many of us will hear God speaking through our thoughts, reading the Bible, praying quietly, learning from circumstances, or seeking counsel from other Christians to reach out to you as you think about them.



### **7. Renew your mind.**

Since God may speak to us through our minds and wants you to develop what the Bible calls the "mind of Christ" (the ability to make decisions as Jesus would), it's crucial for us to follow [Romans 12:2](#): "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will." As you invite the Holy Spirit to renew your mind every day, He will cleanse it from such dirt and clutter as false beliefs and attitudes, unhealthy feelings, and wrong selfish plans. Then the Holy Spirit will replace all of that with true thoughts that reflect God's purposes.



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In the beginning was the Word [logos], and the Word [logos] was with God, and the Word [logos] was God. John 1:1

For the word [logos] of God is quick, and powerful. Hebrews 4:12

The second Greek word that describes Scripture is "**rhema**", which refers to a word that is spoken and means "an utterance." A rhema is a verse or portion of Scripture that Holy Spirit brings to our attention to address a need for wisdom and for direction. So, when we are reading our Bible, all of a sudden something on the page catches our attention and is quickened by Holy Spirit for enlightenment in a current life situation. If we are listening very carefully, we hear the Lord's wisdom for us. It's kind of like, reading between the lines. And that wisdom is right for the moment. It just takes a little practice to get the hang of it.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word [rhema] that proceeds out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4).

Jesus said, "The words [rhema] that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

When God gives a rhema for us to act upon, He often confirms it by a second and third one, that "in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word [rhema] be established" (II Corinthians 13:1).

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Hearing God's Voice is so important to a Christian, because it is how we are lead, and get our marching orders.



## **Military Muster**

The term muster means the process or event of accounting for members in a military unit. A muster roll is the list of members of a military unit, often including their rank and the dates they joined or left. A roll call is the reading aloud of the names on the muster roll and the responses, to determine who is present.

**Make Time to Muster with God. He has the Rhema & the Logos, that will plan, direct, and mobilize your day. Make a habit of intentionally and expectantly listening for whatever God may want to tell you.**

**Invite the living Word to help you when you read the written word.**

The Word of God is a living, creative force – Jesus Himself – and He is actively at work when you read God's written word the Bible. When you read the Bible, ask Jesus to make the Bible's words come alive for you and become conduits through which He sends His thoughts, faith, and love into your soul.

Then focus on what He sends you and orient yourself toward it so it will begin to transform your life.



**Recognize God’s voice above all others.**

By experience, you can learn to recognize God’s voice when He speaks, and to confidently respond to what He says. When thoughts recur, pray about them to discern if they may be coming from God. Keep in mind that God will *never* send you a message that contradicts the Bible’s principles.

God’s voice carries the weight of authority within it, and expresses a spirit of peace, confidence, joy, reasonableness, and goodwill. If you think that God may

speaking to you, ask Him to confirm so as you study and meditate on the Bible, as you’re alert to the circumstances you encounter, or as you experience the Holy Spirit’s impressions in your mind.