HEARING GOD'S VOICE

CAN YOU HEAR HIM

John 10:27 [27] *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me*

THE NEED TO HEAR GOD

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ***Revelation 3:20***

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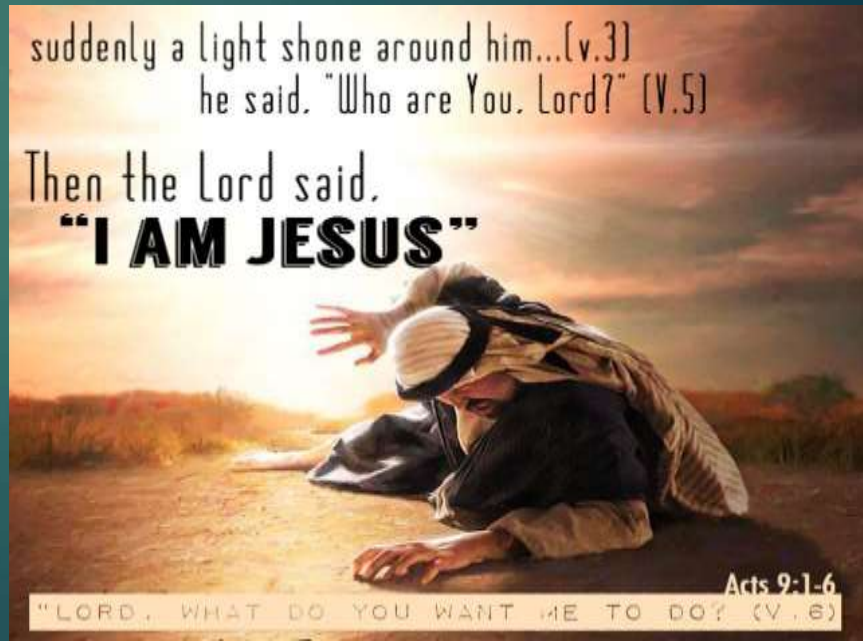
God communicates His mind regarding life issues, His will, and His purpose to you so that you may know your way and the blessings and opportunities He has planned for you

HOW GOD SPEAKS

(1) NOAH, ABRAHAM, MOSES, ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL, ELIJAH, All these prophets in the Bible heard the voice of the Lord. In the New Testament, Paul previously called Saul heard the voice of Jesus.

(2) *Acts 9:3-4* *As* SAUL travelled along and was approaching Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. 4 He dropped to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me?”



HOW GOD SPEAKS

Exodus 3:4 *4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."*

In **1 Kings 19:11-13**, God caused a mighty windstorm, an earthquake, a fire before saying in a gentle small voice "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

HOW GOD SPEAKS

While still dreaming, Jacob heard God speak from the top of the ladder and introduce Himself as the same God that his father and grandfather worshipped. God affirmed His promise that He would give Jacob and his descendants the land of Canaan (**Genesis 28 : 10-13**).

TALK TO GOD

In the book of Habakkuk, the prophet recorded a dialogue between himself and God. Habakkuk was not afraid to ask the Lord questions and complained about the situation God had created.

TALK TO GOD

Habakkuk 2:1-2 (New Living Translation)

I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guard post. There I will wait to see what the Lord says and how he will answer my complaint.

2 *Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others.*

TALK TO GOD

Habakkuk 2:1-2 (New Living Translation)

3 This vision is for a future time.
It describes the end, and it
will be fulfilled. If it seems slow
in coming, wait patiently, for
it will surely take place. It will
not be delayed.

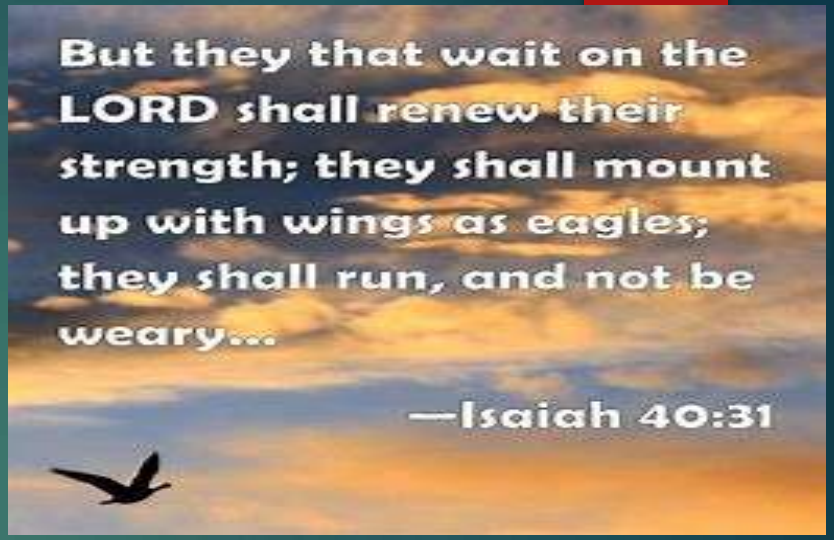
HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

I will climb up to my watchtower - Withdraw to meet with the Lord regularly in a special place of prayer. When we are poised quietly before God in prayer, we receive spontaneous thoughts that come from God.

- Prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue. It is not only about us talking to God, but also about listening to Him.

HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

HABAKKUK 2:1…I will wait to see what the LORD will say to me.
I will wait and learn how he answers my questions. I will wait to see what " he will say …



- Wait patiently
- Wait on the Lord by seeking Him through the Bible
- Wait on the Lord through prayer
- Wait on the Lord by trusting in Him
- ***Psalm 40:1-3*** *1 I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.*

HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

Wait on the Lord by meditating on His Word

Joshua 1:8 — New Living Translation (NLT)

8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

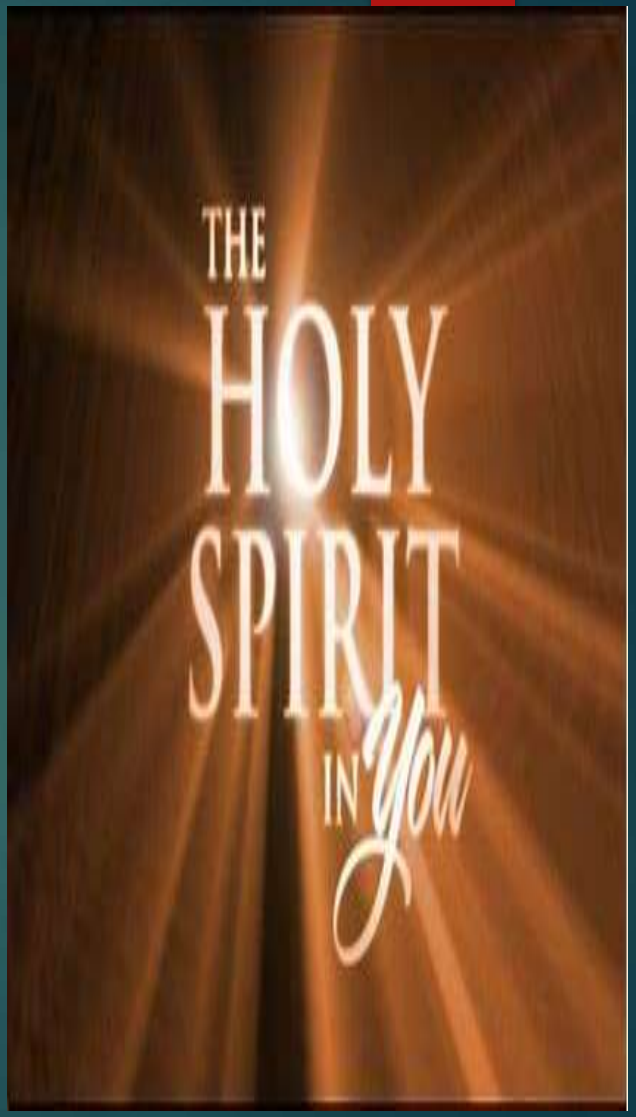
GOD'S VOICE

The Holy Spirit, He is that still small voice inside of us that reveals God's truth to us.

The Holy Spirit makes it possible that we have communication with the Father.

- (**Ephesians 2:18**). The Holy Spirit listens to our prayers and intercedes for us

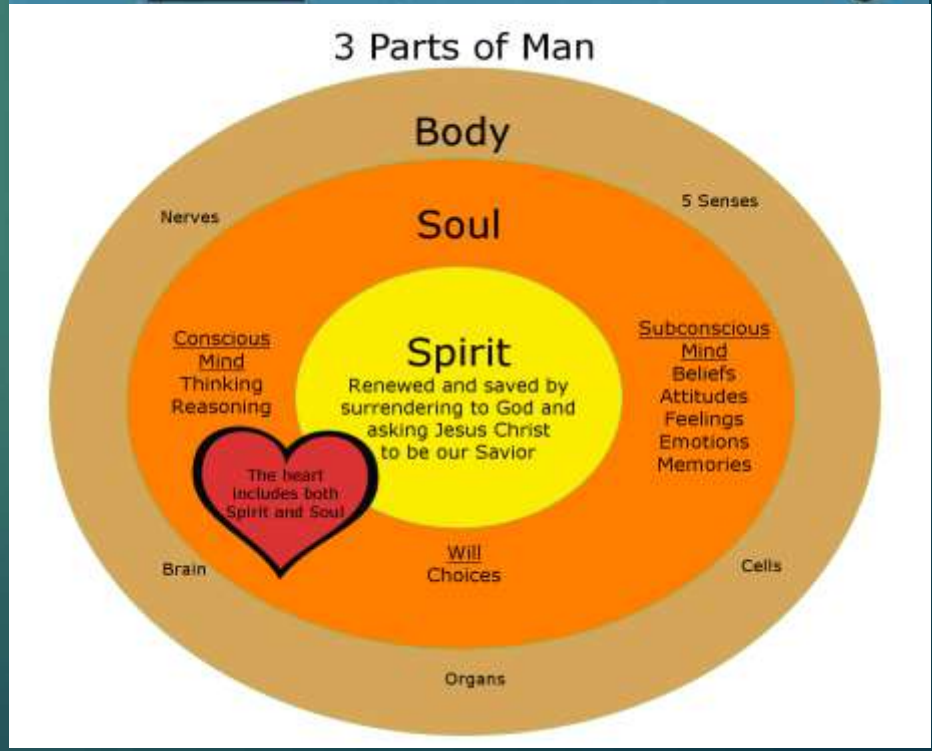
- ***Romans 8:26*** [26] *And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.*



RECOGNISE GOD'S VOICE

'conscience' is a cognitive process that elicits emotion and rational associations based on an individual's moral philosophy or value system.

A sixth sense is like a kind of radar. It somehow picks up signs that something good or bad is going to happen.



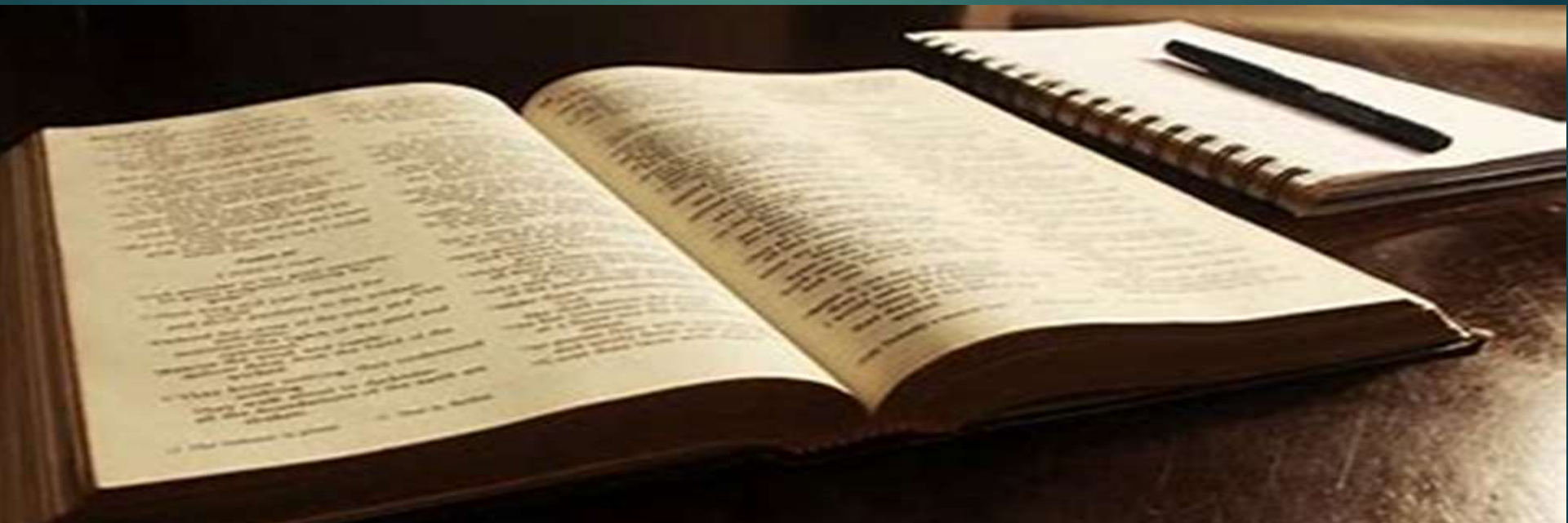
RECOGNISE GOD'S VOICE

1 John 4:1-3 states:

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God."

RECOGNISE GOD'S VOICE

Write and seek confirmation - Keep a journal of things that you see or heard. Seek advice and confirmation from godly advisors and the scriptures.



RECOGNISE GOD'S VOICE

1. You can be sure the Holy Spirit is actually speaking to you when you are being shown how to exalt Jesus
2. ***John 16:13-14***. *13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. 14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.*

HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

3. when the holy spirit is speaking to you, he will focus on producing the fruits of the spirit in you

4. In **Galatians 5:22-25** it states: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

LET US PRAY

Gracious heavenly Father, We yearn to hear your voice and feel your presence, to be reassured of your care and protection. Open our spiritual senses to discern your will and hear every word you speak to us. Help us not to miss out on the abundant blessings that you have bestowed upon us, but rather receive them with open hearts and grateful spirits.

Thank you for your boundless grace and love, which sustain us every day. We are grateful for the Holy Spirit that convicting us of our wrongs and steering us away from paths of destruction. We trust in your perfect plan and lift our hearts to you in prayer.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and
keep you;
the Lord make his face
to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his
countenance upon you
and give you peace.