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Introduction

An Introduction from the Author

Dear Reader,

Welcome to "Hearing God's Voice: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Growth." It is with immense joy and a deep sense of purpose that I share this book with you. I hope that through these pages, you will discover or deepen your understanding of one of the most profound and transformative aspects of the Christian faith: the ability to hear God's voice.

For many years, I, like perhaps some of you, wrestled with the concept of divine communication. Was it only for prophets of old? Was it a mysterious experience reserved for a select few? The more I delved into Scripture and observed the lives of faithful individuals, the more I realised that God longs to communicate with *all* of His children. The Bible beautifully illustrates this intimate relationship in Exodus 33:11 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), where it describes the Lord speaking to Moses "face to face, as one speaks to a friend". This deep fellowship is what we were created for.

What you'll read here comes from my journey with God and what I've discovered in His Word, personal experiences, and the wisdom of others who have walked closely with Him. I aim to demystify the process of hearing God, making it accessible and practical for your everyday life. You will learn about the diverse "flows" through which God communicates—from the wisdom found in Scripture to the quiet promptings of His Spirit in moments of silence. We will explore how building a robust relationship with God, much like any cherished friendship, is key to recognizing His voice amidst the clamour of the world.

It is my firm belief that you are already hearing God's voice; you simply need to learn to identify and respond to it in a way that's tailored to you. This guide is designed to help you do just that—to become more sensitive to His presence, to understand His relational nature, and to embrace the profound connection that awaits you.

May this journey be one of revelation, growth, and ever-increasing intimacy with our loving Creator.

Grace and Peace,

Andre Bronkhorst.

Chapter One: We Can All Hear THE GIFT OF LISTENING

As believers, we often contemplate the profound relationship we can have with our Creator. The Bible illustrates this beautifully in Exodus 33:11 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), where it says, “The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.” This intimate form of communication exemplifies the deep fellowship for which we were created. Just as Moses conversed directly with God, we, too, can tune into His voice and experience that same dialogue.

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

~ Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

Listening to God is not merely a one-sided activity; it requires sensitivity and obedience. Matthew 4:4 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), reminds us, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” This indicates that God's voice is a sustenance that is vital to our spiritual lives. It is essential to our journey, pushing us toward growth and maturity in faith.

“The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.”

~ Exodus 33:11 (NIV)

Created for Fellowship

God designed us for fellowship with Him, and He longs to communicate with His children. Acts 2:17 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), declares, “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.” This promise is inclusive, affirming that all men and women, young and old, are invited to hear His voice. However, obedience acts as the key that unlocks the door to this divine relationship. The closer we draw to the Lord and obey His guidance, the more aware we become of His voice.

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.”

~ Acts 2:17 (NIV)

Encouragement lies in recognizing our inherent capacity to hear from God. Just like Moses and all believers throughout history, we too can experience a form of divine communication that shapes our path and grows our faith.

Chapter Key Takeaways & Practical Applications

Key Takeaways:

- As believers, we can have a profound relationship with God, similar to how the Lord spoke to Moses "face to face, as one speaks to a friend".
- God designed us for fellowship and longs to communicate with us.
- The promise in Acts 2:17 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people," affirms that all are invited to hear His voice.
- Listening to God is a vital sustenance for our spiritual lives, essential for growth and maturity in faith.
- Obedience is key to unlocking this divine relationship, and drawing closer to God increases our awareness of His voice.

Practical Applications:

1. **Reflect on God's desire for fellowship:** Spend time meditating on verses like Exodus 33:11 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), reminding yourself that God desires an intimate conversation with you.
2. **Pray for an open ear:** Use the prayer provided in the book, asking God to reveal how you can hear His voice personally and to help you tune in and respond to His whispers.
3. **Embrace your capacity:** Believe that, like Moses and other believers, you inherently can hear from God and experience divine communication

Chapter Two: Different Flows of God’s Voice

THE DIVERSITY OF COMMUNICATION

God's voice flows through various channels, demonstrating His limitless creativity in communication. While we may sometimes limit our understanding of how God speaks, the Bible provides numerous examples through which God connects with His people.

“But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

~ Hebrews 5:14 (NIV)

Hebrews 5:14 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), points out that spiritual maturity comes from training ourselves to distinguish between good and evil. Therefore, recognizing the different ways God communicates becomes crucial in discerning His voice.

Some key methods include:

- 1) Scripture: The Bible is the primary way God speaks, providing wisdom and guidance.
- 2) Worship: Music and praise can open our hearts to His presence and guidance.
- 3) Sermons and Testimonies: Hearing the experiences of others can illuminate our paths.
- 4) Dreams and Visions: God often uses significant moments of our subconscious to relay messages.
- 5) Creation: Nature reflects God's glory and can communicate profound truths.
- 6) Silence: Sometimes, waiting quietly before God allows us to hear His still, small voice.
- 7) People and Angels: Messages of encouragement can come through others or divine messengers.
- 8) God even used a donkey to speak (Numbers 22)!

Identify Your Flow

Understanding how God speaks to you is important. Each person has unique experiences and channels through which they hear God's voice. Take time for reflection, allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal your specific “flow.” This recognition can enhance your spiritual journey and empower your relationship with God.

Chapter Key Takeaways & Practical Applications

Key Takeaways:

- God communicates through diverse channels, demonstrating His limitless creativity.
- Spiritual maturity involves training ourselves to distinguish good from evil, which includes recognizing the various ways God speaks.
- Key methods of God's communication include Scripture, worship, sermons, testimonies, dreams, visions, creation, silence, people, angels, and even unexpected means like a donkey.
- Understanding your unique way of hearing God ("your flow") is important for enhancing your spiritual journey.

Practical Applications:

Explore different channels: Consciously engage with the various methods God uses to speak. Dedicate time to reading the Bible, engaging in worship, seeking wisdom from sermons and testimonies, and observing creation.

Practice silence: Set aside moments of quiet waiting before God to hear His "still, small voice".

Reflect on your experiences: Take time to reflect on past instances where you felt God communicated with you. Was it through a specific scripture, a song, a dream, or an encounter with someone? This can help you identify your personal "flow".

Be open to the unexpected: Remember that God can use diverse and surprising means to communicate.

Chapter Three: Building Your Relationship with God

PRIORITIZING TIME WITH GOD

Deepening your relationship with God is an essential aspect of hearing His voice. Exodus 33:11 illustrates how Moses would spend time in God’s presence, establishing a friendship that would mold his leadership. In doing so, Moses serves as a model for us (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).

“The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.”

~ Exodus 33:11

Spend Time with the Lord: Carve out regular moments to engage in prayer, worship, and reading God’s Word.

Be in Constant Conversation: Start each day acknowledging God's presence and include Him in your daily life through prayer and thoughts.

Be Sensitive to the Leading of the Holy Spirit: Develop spiritual sensitivity by remaining aware of God’s presence, His promptings, and nudges throughout your day.

Building a relationship with God is akin to forging any personal connection; it requires intentionality and commitment. As we invest in our relationship with Him, we become better attuned to His voice guiding our lives.

Chapter Key Takeaways & Practical Applications

Key Takeaways:

- Deepening your relationship with God is essential for hearing His voice.
- Moses' consistent time in God's presence established a friendship that shaped his leadership, serving as a model for us.
- Building a relationship with God requires intentionality and commitment, similar to any personal connection.
- As we invest in our relationship with God, we become better attuned to His guiding voice.

Practical Applications:

Prioritise dedicated time: "Carve out regular moments to engage in prayer, worship, and reading God’s Word". This could be a daily quiet time.

Cultivate constant conversation: Start each day acknowledging God's presence and include Him in your daily life through prayer and thoughts, making it an ongoing dialogue.

Develop spiritual sensitivity: Practice remaining aware of God’s presence, His promptings, and nudges throughout your day, developing a spiritual sensitivity

Chapter Four: God is Relational

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S NATURE

God’s nature is primarily relational, and His communication is not merely guidance but an invitation into deeper fellowship.

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I see that You are a prophet.”

~ John 4:19 (NIV)

In John 4:6-19 (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011), we find a beautiful example of Jesus’ engagement with the Samaritan woman. He reached out to her, breaking cultural and social barriers, to forge a relationship. "Sir," she confesses, "I can see that you are a prophet." This conversation illustrates how God seeks to connect personally with each of us.

The Essence of Relationship

Our relationship with God shapes our understanding of His direction. If we miss the relational aspect, we may struggle to hear His guidance. Romans 1:17 reinforces that “the righteous shall live by faith,” grounding this connection in belief and trust. Each moment we spend in God’s presence trains our ears to recognize His voice amidst life’s noise (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).

“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

~ Romans 1:17 (NIV)

God is Closer Than You Think

The reality is that God is closer than we often perceive. He exists not within our thoughts, but as an ever-present reality. In moments of busyness or distraction, we may find ourselves unaware of His presence. However, once we become aware, we discover a profound connection waiting to be embraced. As John 17:11 reminds us, unity with God is attainable. Those who remain united with Him in spirit will create a pathway to His thoughts and voice, leading us through life's complexities (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).

“I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.”

~ John 17:11 (NIV)

Chapter Key Takeaways & Practical Applications

Key Takeaways:

- God's nature is primarily relational; His communication is an invitation into deeper fellowship, not just guidance.
- Jesus' engagement with the Samaritan woman exemplifies God's desire for a personal connection with each of us, breaking barriers to forge a relationship.
- Missing the relational aspect can hinder our ability to hear God's guidance clearly.
- "The righteous shall live by faith," grounding our connection in belief and trust.
- God is closer than we often perceive; He is an ever-present reality.
- Unity with God in spirit creates a pathway to His thoughts and voice, guiding us through life's complexities.

Practical Applications:

Focus on fellowship, not just answers: When you approach God, emphasise building your relationship with Him rather than solely seeking specific answers or guidance.

Embrace His closeness: Remind yourself regularly that God is an "ever-present reality" and cultivate an awareness of His presence throughout your day.

Live by faith and trust: Ground your relationship with God in belief and trust, understanding that faith is foundational to hearing His voice.

Pursue unity with God: Strive to remain united with God in spirit, recognizing that this unity opens a pathway to understanding His thoughts and voice for your life.

In Closing...

In closing, hearing God’s voice is not just a theological concept but an experience that every believer can pursue. By understanding the various ways in which He communicates, prioritizing our relationship with Him, and being sensitive to His presence, we can cultivate an environment where His voice is not just heard but understood and acted upon. May we all grow in this beautiful journey of listening and responding to the voice of God.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I long to know Your voice. Teach me to recognize when You are speaking to me personally.

I have been created in your image and likeness, and I desire to tune in to your voice.

I ask that you speak to me, guiding me through your Holy Spirit on this journey.

May your voice become clearer to me, and may I learn to recognize and respond to your gentle whispers.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Notes:

Remember, every person is unique, and these examples are just a few ways God might communicate with you. The possibilities are truly endless. Your goal is to discover and recognize how God speaks to you personally, given your unique creation. These reference points are meant to kickstart your journey. The reality is that you're already hearing God's voice; you just need to learn to identify and respond to it in a way that's tailored to you.

How does God speak?

- The word (reading)
- Worship (music)
- Sermons
- Testimonies
- Dreams
- Visions
- Creation
- Silence (waiting)
- People
- Angels

Scripture reference & study

1. Exodus 33:11: "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend." (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
2. Matthew 4:4: "But he answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
3. Acts 2:17: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people." (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
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5. Numbers 22: This chapter tells the story of Balaam and his donkey. A notable verse is Numbers 22:28: "Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and she said to Balaam, 'What have I done to you, that you have beaten me these three times?'" (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
6. John 4:6-19: This passage describes Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. Key verses include (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
 - John 4:7: "When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?'" (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
 - John 4:10: "Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'" (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
 - John 4:14: "But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
 - John 4:19: "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet." (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).
7. Romans 1:17: "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last." (*New International Bible*, 1978/2011).

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