Tab 1

We learned about prayer last week, but mainly focused on talking to God

* This week is the reality that God talks to us - Hearing the voice of God

**Start here:**  
John 10:1-16

* “3and the sheep **hear his voice,** and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the **sheep follow him because they know his voice**. 5 A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because **they do not know the voice of strangers.”**
* 16 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; (Gentiles) I must bring them also, and **they will hear My voice;** and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e45dVgWgV64>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj3vb1EmHv0>

**It is completely natural, not foreign, to hear the voice of your Shepherd**

* I bet you’ve actually heard Him more than you think, you just haven’t recognized it

“He who is of God (from, born of) hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God.” - John 8:47

Part of the issue why we don’t is that we act like it’s a foreign thing, like a new limb we need to attach.

God Hears you and wants to hear from you. You hear God and you want to hear God. Start from that place in prayer.

**HOLY SPIRIT**

**(John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:17; 1 John 2:27)**

…when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will **teach you** everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

**John 14:26 (NLT)**

**Process**

Revelation - the impression, dream, word, etc. that God reveals to you

Interpretation - how you interpret what He is saying

Application - what you do with what He’s saying

[Same with scripture…]

This is not to put undue pressure on you, but what do you notice?  
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* It is possible for God to speak, plainly, and for us to interpret or apply incorrectly
* But we can also grow in interpretation and wisdom (application of truth)

EX: God speaks to you that He’s drawing you into a time of rest (revelation)

* Say you *interpret* that by equating rest to the absence of work.
* Then you *apply* that by immediately quitting your job so you can live like the Israelites “by faith.”

That could go horribly awry (I use this example because I’ve literally seen this happen to people who got themselves in a really bad hole)

* How would you change that?

The possibility of interpretation is the same possibility of misinterpretation

* We think it’s going to be like some Marvel movie, eyes roll back in our heads and God speaks audibly, etc.
* Sometimes it is undeniably specific
* By the way, people can help (Daniel & Joseph)

**Ways**

**Not the definitive list:**

**Revelation in the Word**

- Hebrews 4:12 - too many to count

**Audible**

- Acts 9:3-6

**Inspired thought**

- 1 Cor 12:16, Php 2:13, Rom 12:2, matthew 22:37

- Works deep within you, outworking through thoughts - My Primary, like a zip file

**Impression (perception/intuition)**

- mark 2:8 - like inspired thought, but more directive, instructive, spontaneous.

- Spirit-led 'heightened awareness" or a "gut feeling" that one cannot ignore, Tabby Car

**Open Vision**

**-** Acts 2:17, 2 Kings 6:14-17, Eze 37 **-** Word across my face, Robert well

**Dream**

- Acts 2:17, Genesis 31:24; Matt. 2:13 - dream that got ahold of me, mama ruth’s dream

**Witness within you, God’s Still Small Voice**

**-** 1 Kings 19:11-13 - too many to count

**Through others**

**-** Prophecy, encouragement 1 Cor 14:3 - Rich S story

**Angels**

**-** Luke 2:10, Hebrews 13:2 - light in our apartment

**Circumstance**

- list from youth leaders, Kim call, my own, apple for the teacher at RH, repetition, I will know to leave Lift if

**Spiritual Happenings**

**-** Judges 6:36-40 - fleece, aaron’s rod, deer

**Physical body**

**-** Physical pain or feeling on behalf of others, cold kidneys demonic

**Roadblocks**

SIN - Doesn’t mean God stops talking, (adam and Eve), but we stop hearing, listening, drawing near

DOUBT - second-guessing too much. Doesn't mean don't be discerning

UNBELIEF

WRONG EXPECTATIONS

NEVER A CHANCE/DISTRACTED

* In Psalm 55, the psalmist recognized this tactic of the enemy:
* Psalm 55:2-3
* 2 Give Your attention to me and answer me;
* I am restless in my complaint and [b]severely distracted,
* 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
* Because of the pressure of the wicked;
* He admits that the voice of the enemy has caused him to become severely distracted and cries out for God’s attention. The truth is, we have God’s attention, and yet sometimes we become so distracted that it can seem as if He’s turned away.
* The enemy knows that God has promised to be with us always, and he can’t stop the Word. So he wars against us being present with God.
* It’s hard to hear God with AirPods in your ears 14 hrs a day

DON’T CARE TO

PREDETERMINED WHAT HE’S GONNA SAY

DIDN’T OBEY LAST DIRECTIVE

**Preparing for it**

**Read the word**

* Faith comes through hearing - hearing by the Word of God - Rom 10:17

**Pay attention**

* Value - samuel in the temple
* Receptacle
* When Moses turned to hear - then the Lord spoke
* When Moses saw the burning bush, He turned aside to give it a better look. The Word says “When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”
* In other words, once the Lord knew He had his attention, then He spoke. Attention was necessary to receive the Word. I wonder how often we have missed these “burning bushes” in our life? Our attention is so divided that we never slow down long enough to look and then become convinced that God doesn’t talk to us.
* I’ve learned that sometimes He speaks to get our attention, but some things He will only speak because He already has our attention.

**Stay in Humility**

* My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Proverbs 4:20
* The two requirements are: attend and incline thine ear. To incline your ear means to bow down your head which is a mark of reverent, respectful humility. You’re not arguing with God. You’re not dictating to God. You’re waiting to hear from God. The inclined ear is an essential part of hearing from God.
* “My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding.” Proverbs 5:1
* Again, the same two conditions: attend and bow the ear. And then again, in Proverbs 22:17:
* “Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.”

**Silence**

* Psalm 62:1 says this.
* “My soul waits in silence for God only.
* These are tremendous words: “My soul waits in silence for God only.” You have to wait. You have to be silent, and your attention has to be focused on one person only: God. And then in Psalm 62:5, just four verses further on, David addresses his own soul and tells his soul how to wait.
* “My soul, wait in silence for God only.”

**Obedience**