

# HEARING GOD

HOW GOD SPEAKS TO US



"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'HEAR GOD'?

### Hearing God is...

- Turning to Jesus
- Biblical Meditation and Prayer
- For Every Believer
- Always Relational and Life Giving

### Hearing God is not...

- Positive Thinking
- Emptying Your Mind
- For the 'Super Spiritual'
- Religious and Condemning

## EXPERIENCING GOD'S VOICE

- **Stillness:** Fill your mind by meditation on God's Word
- **Focus:** Quiet your mind, and give Jesus your attention by picturing him. Focus on being in His presence.
- **Listen:** Ask for God's perspective through spontaneous thoughts and pictures.
- **Respond:** Thanksgiving, Journaling, Obedience (Luke 11:28)

## RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE

- Aligns with scripture (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Aligns with God's character (Psalm 103:8)
- Never condemning (Romans 8:1)
- Confirmed by the people of God (1 Corinthians 14:29)

## WHEN GOD SPEAKS

Some of the things he might say include:

1. A truth to embrace about him his character or about how he sees you
2. Instructions about something to do, stop doing, or repent of
3. Someone to love or forgive

With all his creativity and personalization of messages to his children, God never speaks in opposition to his character as revealed in his Word. He does not lie, and he has integrity beyond our understanding.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5

"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4