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Experiencing God – Message #4 God Speaks – Part 1

How Has God Spoken?

- Does God speak to his people today? How does he speak to people? Does he speak all the time? How can you discern from hearing from yourself or someone else rather than God?
 - If anything is clear from reading the Bible, this fact is clear: God speaks to his people.
 - Hebrews 1:1 In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways
 - Deuteronomy 30:19-20; John 14:23-2
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1. When God spoke, it was usually unique to that individual.
 - Exodus 3 – Moses – burning bush
 2. When God spoke, the person was sure God was speaking.
 - Exodus 3:14 “I am who I am.”
 3. When God spoke, the person knew what God said.
 - Moses knew how God wanted to work through him.
 4. When God spoke, that was the encounter with God.
 - Hebrews 1:1-2; John 14:26; John 16:13-14

The Key to Knowing God’s voice is an intimate relationship with Him.

- Not about a miraculous sign. Matt 16:4
- Not a formula. No Moses and the Burning Bush seminar.
- Not a name it and claim it method.
- Deut 18:21-22
- Not open and closed doors. John 8:47; Proverbs 19:21; Psalm 33:10-11

So How does God speak to us?

1. God speaks by the Holy Spirit.
 - The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth.
 - John 14:17, 26; 16:13-14
 - God speaks by the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself, His Purposes and His Ways.
2. God Speaks through the Bible.
 - 2 Timothy 3:15-17
 - “When the Holy Spirit reveals a spiritual truth from the Word of God, He is personally relating to your life. That is an encounter with God.” Blackaby.
 - How do you respond to God’s truth?
3. God Speaks through Prayer
 - “Prayer is a relationship, not just a religious activity.”
 - Romans 8:26-27
 - Praying in the Spirit is praying according to the will of God.

We will know God’s voice when He speaks

- John 10:4
- Why? Phil 2:13 ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
- John 16:13
- “God will never lead you in opposition to His written Word. If what you sense in prayer runs contrary to Scriptures, it is wrong.”
- Mark 2 – the Healing of the Paralyzed Man.
- Luke 15:7; Ephesians 3:20-21

What are you thankful for today? To Experience God. God speaks through the Holy Spirit, the Bible and Pray. Are you practicing these three ways God speaks to you?