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How did the Disciples pick Matthias to replace Judas? Acts 1:26.

Was this a common practice? Proverbs 16:33 (Recorded 47 times in the Bible.)



This practice was, however, never mentioned again after what happens next in Acts (Acts 2:1-4). What Happened?



1. **John 10:3-4** (NIV): *"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep _____ to his _____. He _____ his own sheep by _____ and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they _____ his _____."*

GUARDRAILS:

1. Acts 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.



2. Is 8:20 NKJV - To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because there is no light in them.

3. 1 Thess 5:20-21 NLT - Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.



SEE, HEAR, FEEL, KNOW - Ask God a Simple Question, that you already know the answer to "Do You Love Me?" Pay close attention to how you receive the answer. Did you see something in your mind, hear something, feel something, or was just a knowing or an assurance. Write it down in your journal.



ENOCH WALK - Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5-6





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DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

Day 1 - Tuesday, October 15: Overview:

As Christian men, we know that God speaks. The Bible is filled with stories of ordinary men who encountered the extraordinary voice of God—Abraham, Moses, David, Paul. Yet, so often, we find ourselves wondering: “Does God still speak today? And if He does, how can I hear Him?”

This week we want to take steps into that sacred space, to hear God’s voice clearly, and to walk in obedience to His leading. It’s not about chasing emotional experiences or looking for signs in every corner, but about cultivating a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ—a relationship where hearing God’s voice becomes natural, life-giving, and transformative.

Through these pages, you’ll discover biblical principles, personal stories, and practical insights that will help you discern God’s voice in your daily life. Whether you’re facing life’s big decisions or just seeking direction in your everyday walk, the goal is simple: to equip you with the tools and heart posture needed to hear God speak, and to respond with faith and courage.

God is always speaking. The question is, are we listening? Together, let’s embark on this journey of learning to hear God’s voice, allowing Him to shape us into the men He’s called us to be. It’s time to listen. It’s time to obey. It’s time to live with purpose, hearing the voice of our Father.



1. **How it was intended to be: Read Genesis 3.** Pay close attention the way God related to Adam in Eve in Genesis 3. Write down a few things you notice about how they communicated. Read between the lines a bit here about how it may have been before this day.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

In the story what causes the change (i.e. – they now hid, were ashamed, etc.)?

2. Let’s look at Isaiah 59

- a. Verse 2 - what caused us to be separated from God?
- b. Keep reading verse 3 - 16. Who stepped in to intervene?



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- c. Interesting side note, what did He put on in vs. 17? Remind you of anything (see Eph. 6:14-17). Why do you think God offers us the same armor He puts on?
 - d. Isaiah 59:20 , Who is coming to buy them back from their sins?
 - e. Isaiah 59:21 – What is promised that will never leave?
3. Paul takes us back to Adam as he describes what Isaiah was referencing in Romans 5:12-21.
- a. Through Adam we received?
 - b. Through Christ we received?

It was God's desire, plan, and purpose to restore us to relationship with Him. So again, we could walk with Him and Talk with Him.

Isaiah told us that we would receive the Spirit who would never leave. There are wonderful promises all through the Bible about what that means, let's look at one.

4. **John 16:13 (NIV):** *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will _____ you into all the truth. He will not _____ on his own; he will _____ only what he hears, and he will _____ you what is yet to come."* (NIV)



Key Point: What has God made a way for?



Journal : Reflect on John 16:13 in light of today's study. Write down what this leads you to be thankful for.



Activation: Find a quiet place or go for a walk and simply say "thank you God that you made a way for you to be able to be together." Tell him that you just want to listen to him today. "Holy Spirit, what do you want me to know about you from today's study"? As he speaks, ask Him follow up questions.

Practice having a conversation with God. Don't worry about, is that my thoughts or His, just practice. Remember the first question we asked Monday night, "Do you love me?" Start there if you need to. He so wants to have this conversation with you.

Share in your group chat something you heard from God today.





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Day 2 - Wednesday, October 16: : He is Still Speaking



1. **Jeremiah 33:3** (NIV): "Call to me and I will _____ you and _____ you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

God promises that when His people call on Him, He will:

2. **Isaiah 30:21** (NIV): "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

What is the promise here:

3. **Psalms 95:7-8** (NIV): "For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice, 'Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness.'"

What is the psalmist encouraging God's people to do?

4. What did Jesus say about his followers in John 10:
v. 3 – The sheep _____.
v. 4 – His sheep _____ Him **because** they know _____.
v. 16 – They will listen to my _____.
v. 27 – My sheep listen to _____.

As a follower of Christ, what are we to know/recognize?

5. John 16:12-15 So how do we hear His Voice?

In these verses what does the Holy Spirit tell us?

6. The Holy Spirit tells us what He has heard from Jesus. What does Jesus know?
John 16:30

7. So how do we tap into this gift? James 1:5-8



Key Point: God is Still _____.

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Activation/Journal: Let's continue practicing having a conversation with God.

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you and guide you as you reflect on **Jeremiah 33:3** (Journal what you hear).
2. Ask Him what he wants you to do with what you hear. Develop some sort of action plan. (Write it in your journal).

*It is okay to be wrestling with this at this point and not be sure if it is your thoughts or God's. We are going to fine tune this, but try - you are getting something.

3. Do it – whatever you feel God was leading you to. Remember the guardrails



Day 3 - Thursday, October 17: SEE

Let's begin to dial this in a bit more. Four of the primary way's God speaks to us directly is through Seeing, Hearing, Feeling and Knowing. Over the next 4 lessons we are going to take a closer look at each of these to develop a better awareness of how we hear from God.



1. **Ephesians 1:17-21**

- a. 18: I pray that the _____ may be enlightened
- b. For what 3 purposes (v. 18 – 19)

2. **Acts 2:17** Young men _____ Old men _____

3. **Acts 16:9** – How was Paul led?

4. **John 5:19** - Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He _____ the Father doing.

5. **John 1:48 – 49**



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- a. How did Jesus respond to Nathanael question, “how do you know me?”
 - b. What was Nathanael’s response?
6. **Acts 10:9-11** In this passage how did God initially communicate to Peter?
7. **Daniel 7:1** – How did God God communicate with Daniel?

Other biblical examples of this receptivity are when Isaiah had a vision of the Lord sitting on His throne, Cornelius had a vision of an angel, and John, exiled on the island of Patmos, had a vision of Jesus (see Isaiah 6; Acts 10:1-8; Revelation 1:9-20).



Key Point: One of the ways God can speak to us is through: _____



Journal - In all the experience above where seeing was either commended or illustrated, what resonated the most with you? Write down the biblical reference in your journal and why it resonated.



Activation – God often speaks to us in picture in our mind or other things we see around us. He’ll often show us something, then explain what it represents. Take a minute, pause, and ask the Holy Spirit to open the “eyes of your heart”, by showing you something He wants you to know. Write down what you see in your mind or around you. What is God saying to you from/about what you see?

Next, ask God to show you, in your mind a scene, where you are doing something to bless your wife, a friend, a neighbor or a co-worker today (or tomorrow). 1. Write down what you saw. 2. Do it. 3. Describe the results, for you and the person you did it for.





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Day 4 - Friday, October 18: Hear



1. **Hebrews 3:7-8** (NIV): *"So, as the Holy Spirit says: 'Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness.'"*

- a. This verse reiterates the importance of _____ God's voice and not _____ our heart's to it.

2. Read **Hebrews 12:24-25**

- a. Who is the "him who speaks"?
- b. What are we urged not to do?

Hear - Jesus placed value on the spiritual act of hearing when He said:

1. Matthew 11:15 He who has _____ to hear, let him _____.

2. **John 10:27** – What does Jesus say about his followers?

3. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-14 - What's going on in this story?

In Verses 9 & 10 what did Eli tell Samuel to say, and what did Samuel Say:

4. 1 Kings 19:9-18 –

- a. What was God's voice not in?
- b. How did God's voice finally come?

5. Acts 9:1-19 - What two people did Jesus communicate with in this passage?
How did He communicate?

6. Note that both men in Acts 9 had a conversation with God. Can you think of any other examples in the Bible of people having a conversation with God?

7. Yesterday we looked at the Vision God gave Peter in Acts 10. How did God explain the vision **Acts 10:13-15**?

What Happened in verse 19-20?

Please note the progression here:

1. God gave Peter a vision. (See)
2. God explained the vision and spoke with him about it. (Hear)
3. He then gave him specific instructions to do something. (Do)



Key Point: One of the ways God can speak to us is through: _____

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Journal: He speaks in a still small voice, this helps to emphasize the need for time to be still and just listen. Set a timer on your phone for 2 minutes. Pray, the prayer of Samuel, “Speak, Lord for your servant is listening”. At the end of the 2 minutes write down what you heard from God.



Activation: God can speak to us through anything (see Numbers 22:28). Ask God to speak to you through the next thing you hear today - maybe a song, a TV show, a movie, a podcast, a sermon, a conversation or even a donkey’s bray. Write down what you hear.

Repeat this process through the day (you don’t have to keep writing things down.) Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you through what you are “hearing” today. Simply pray,

“Holy Spirit what do you want to say to me through this?”



Day 5 - Saturday, October 19: Look back



Go back - there were a lot of verses this previous week. Re-read some of them and let the Holy Spirit speak to you.



Take a moment to record what God has revealed to you this week.



Send a note in your group chat about one key thing for you from this past week.



Day 6 – Sunday, October 20: No Assignment – keep practicing conversations with God. Next week we will look at Feeling, knowing and many other ways God communicates with us.

