

When There's Static On The Line ...

message notes

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Hearing God

More Than Words

A Guiding Principle:

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Matthew 4:1-11

For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say. (Jesus - John 12:49-50)

All passages, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version of the Bible.
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Ways God Speaks INTERNALLY

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I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.
(Paul – 1 Timothy 4:1-2)

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Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.
(Paul – Galatians 6:7-10)

Ways God Speaks EXTERNALLY

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Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
(Paul - Colossians 3:16)

While we should remain balanced—neither skeptical nor gullible—we should not doubt that God speaks in these ways. With discernment, we should seek the Spirit's guidance. Many believers run around saying all the time that God told them this or that. These people need to calm down and seek wisdom. Others have provided guidelines for dream interpretation, but here's my advice: when you have a dream, pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24, ask God to make clear the dream's significance and meaning, and run it by wise, trustworthy friends or family members.
(J.P. Moreland - *A Simple Guide To Experience Miracles*)

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Our need for understanding is clearly very great. We are all too familiar with the painful confusion of individuals who make huge efforts to determine God's will for themselves—people who are frequently very sincere and devout. We see them make dreadful errors by following a whim or chance event that, because of their desperation, they force to serve as a sign from God. We see them sink into despair, skepticism, even cynicism...
(Dallas Willard - *Hearing God*)

In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the LORD establishes their steps.
(Proverbs 16:9)