

“Hearing God Introduction”

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God is speaking constantly.

The problem is we are spiritually hard of hearing.

Radio waves fill the air around us with thousands of words and pictures, but without help (a TV or radio) we will not hear them.

The Holy Spirit aids us in our hearing God’s Words.

God speaks both objectively and subjectively.

There are three parts to hearing God:

1. The actually hearing
2. The interpretation of God’s communication
3. Deciding appropriate action (or inaction)

The Bible communicates the general will of God – for example, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” But it does not tell His particular will for us regarding how we can serve our neighbor in our present world.

Third world countries are experiencing hearing God much more than in the West because they believe the Bible.

When one individual Christian experiences God, it is usually to be shared with the body of Christ in order to encourage Christians and the church and increase their faith. Your experiences become my experiences.

Don’t be discouraged if you do not experience God in a spectacular way. The stories of others are your stories.

If you are disappointed because God does not speak to you, just remember: You can always hear him in His Word. He is also visible in coincidences (God-incidences) and through other believers regularly.

After Joshua led Israel across the Jordan river after it had miraculously stopped flowing, Joshua had a man from each of the twelve tribes go into the dry riverbed and grab a rock. They then piled the rocks into a monument to remind future Israel what God had said or done. Every time we share with other Christians or the church as a whole what God has done imagine it as another stone, we pile up to remind ourselves how great he is.

I encourage you to look for God in the coming weeks. If you like – keep a journal of what he did or said. It might be a small coincidence or something that caught your attention in Scripture.