Lesson 6 Your Tool Belt – Tool #5 Listening to God - Hearing God's Voice

Having a relationship with God is just as important as hearing Him. When we listen to what God is saying to us we can live a good life and live out our purpose for being on the Earth. One thing to know is that we were not born to just enjoy video games, watch TV and eat candy. We are here for a purpose. God



has a destiny for our lives and if we listen He will get us there. (Photo by Ben White on Unsplash)

Ways to Hear God's Voice There are a lot of ways to hear God's voice, A LOT, here I will list some of the ways I hear God's Voice:

1. Scripture in the Bible Just by picking up the bible after a prayer or a thought, flip the pages while closing your eyes, let God open and share a scripture with you that is meant for you in that moment.

2. Prophecy When I read or listen to the

bible or listen to some praise music, I close my eyes after and God shows me prophetic images that I then record in a notebook and ask for clarity.

3. Prophetic Signs in the natural world When I go about my day, I often see white feathers (where there are no birds); objects out of place in odd places, for example: a laundry basket on the expressway, a purple pool noodle on the highway, flip flops on the road or a blanket on the side of the road. An animal name or animal seen during the day can also be God speaking. For example: One day for my family, "moose" was the theme for the day. Moose symbolizes: danger if cornered or surprised; change; power and importance.

4. Songs

I often hear music from the Lord. Most of the time I get music in my head in the morning after waking up. Other times I'll turn on the radio and a song will be on that speaks to what's on my mind or resonates with me.

5. Listening

I hear God's voice in my head leading me to the next step of what I need to do or say.

6. Dreams

God communicates with us all through dreams. Every night I have dreams. When I have dreams, I type them out or write them down to refer to later so I can try and decipher them and ask God what they mean. A lot of dreams are from God. (New Reference for a class that simplifies interpretation of dreams: *Hearing God Through Your Dreams* www.cwgministries.org/store/hearing-god-through-your-dreams (I strongly recommend this class!))

7. Seeing Visions

This can be day or night visions, I often see night visions. Visions I've seen are played out for me as if I could reach out and touch the image. They are played out right before my eyes, usually at night when I'm laying in bed. Most of the time it is an awakened state in between dreams.

8. Feelings

Through my feelings I hear God. I can feel goose bumps when I feel the presence of God or if an angel is around. It's a fuzzy/cozy feeling. Here are some other ways to hear God's Voice:

- Prophetic words: Words of Wisdom or Knowledge
- Through Art painting, drawing
- Poetry
- Through Music I mentioned listening to the radio or hearing music but you can also hear through writing a song, or playing music.
- Through movies, operas, and various shows
- In nature
- The clouds
- Billboards, store signs
- License Plates
- And More.

God can be heard all day, every day, and all around us. He is speaking to us daily about important stuff. It is up to us to listen to what He has to say. (Photo By: Daiga Ellaby on Unsplash)

So how can we hear the Lord? Pray and ask for eyes to see and ears to hear, he'll show you.





Activation prayer: "Dear God, I pray for eyes to see and ears to hear you Father. In the name of Yeshua or Jesus Christ, Amen."

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References: God's Prophetic Symbolism In Everyday Life By: Adam F. Thompson and Adrian Beale A to Z Dream Symbology Dictionary By: Dr. Barbie L. Breathitt Hearing God Through Your Dreams www.cwgministries.org/store/hearing-god-through-your-dreams Feel free to email me about how God speaks to you, as always no pressure: **Please note: In the audio it says: ggcyf@gmail.com but the correct email is ggcyfonline@gmail.com

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Exercise and Journaling Assignment

God is talking to us everyday all we need to do is listen.

Exercise 1:

For 3 days go about your days recognizing and noticing ways God may be speaking to you. Have a small notepad with you or type in your phone, or record your voice on your phone to record anything you may encounter along the way.

Exercise 2:

Write in your journal how God speaks to you. How do you receive messages from God?

If you are doing this in a group –

Just share your results with one another. See if there are any similarities or differences. If you have one way and a person has another way of hearing God that is okay! It is not a contest, God speaks to us all differently, sometimes they are similar but sometimes they aren't and that is perfectly okay. It may surprise you how many different ways God speaks to us!

Then if you want to break out of groups and share with the big group, have the leader write down on the board the different ways that were given and have a discussion about it. This would also be a good time to share any experiences or examples you may have experienced with the group, if you'd like, no pressure of course. Remember you can always keep it between you and God.