

Knowing the Voice of the Holy Spirit

Some Biblical Examples

The Spirit **told** Philip,
"Go to that chariot
and stay near it."
- Acts 8:29

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While Peter was still thinking about the vision, **the Spirit said to him**, "Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."
- Acts 10:19-20

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While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said**, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
- Acts 13:2

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Some Biblical Examples

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been **kept by the Holy Spirit** from preaching the word in the province of Asia.
- Acts 16:6

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Some Biblical Examples

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but **the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to**.
- Acts 16:6

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I only know that in every city
the Holy Spirit warns me that
 prison and hardships are facing me.

- Acts 20:23

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How the Holy Spirit Speaks

- **Through the Word**
 - Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is **living and active**
 and sharper than any two-edged sword,
 and piercing as far as the division of
 soul and spirit, of both joints and
 marrow, and **able to judge the thoughts**
and intentions of the heart.”

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- **Through the Word**
 - Hebrews 4:12
 - There is a time for Bible Study
 - There is a time to hear from God

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How the Holy Spirit Speaks

- **Through the Word**
- **Through Other Believers**
 - Romans 1:11-12

“For I long to see you so that I may
 impart some spiritual gift to you,
 that you may be established.”

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How the Holy Spirit Speaks

- **Through the Word**
- **Through Other Believers**
 - Romans 1:11-12
 - Romans 15:29

“I know that when I come to you,
 I will come in the fullness of the
 blessing of Christ.”

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How the Holy Spirit Speaks

- **Through the Word**
- **Through Other Believers**
- **To Our Spirits**
 - Romans 8:14-17
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9

“He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you...’”

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- **Through the Word**
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- **To Our Spirits**
 - Romans 8:14-17
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - 1 Kings 19:1-4

“A sound of a gentle blowing”

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Thoughts on God's Voice

- **God's voice always agrees with the Bible.**
 - It may contradict our interpretation of the Bible (Acts 10)
 - But God will never lead us to violate His Word (James 1:13)

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Thoughts on God's Voice

- **God's voice is consistent with His character.**
 - Example: How He speaks with the woman at the well (John 4)
 - Grace, gentleness, firmness

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Thoughts on God's Voice

- **God's voice is different than our voice.**
 - Isaiah 55:8-9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. “

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Thoughts on God's Voice

- **God's voice is different than our voice.**
 - Isaiah 55:8-9
 - He has a different perspective
 - As we grow, our thoughts begin to reflect His thoughts... 1 Cor 2:9-13.

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Thoughts on God's Voice

- **God's voice may contradict the opinions of others.**
 - Godly counsel is important (Prov 11:14)
 - Sometimes God's leading makes no sense to others
 - Seek spiritual discernment, not reasonable advice




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Final Encouragements

- **If you're not sure you are hearing from God, go slow.**
- **If you're sure you are hearing from God, stand fast.**



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