

HEARING GOD

Recognizing His Voice In A World Full Of Noise

HEARING GOD'S VOICE **PASTOR BRAD HOWARD - July 12, 2026**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Attend Sunday services for the next 5 weeks.
2. Get a "Hearing God" Spiritual Growth Book. (Where?)
3. Join a SGC Small Group that's right for you. (Provide the QR code)
4. Follow the daily devotional plan provided in the Spiritual Growth Book.

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." (Deuteronomy 29:29, NKJV)

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3, NKJV)

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me," (John 10:27-28)

Five Primary Ways God Speaks to Us

1. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

When you need direction

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalms 119:105, NKJV)

When you encounter evil

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21, NKJV)

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When choosing a friend

*"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."
(Proverbs 13:20, NIV)*

When tensions are escalating

*"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
(Proverbs 15:1, NIV)*

2. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."
(Romans 8:14, NIV)*

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NIV)

"Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the articles of the LORD's house." (Isaiah 52:11, NIV)

3. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH TRUSTED VOICES

"Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life." (Proverbs 19:20, NLT)

"Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise." (Proverbs 13:10, NLT)

*"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ."
(Ephesians 4:11-12, NLT)*

4. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH OUR INNER WITNESS

"... their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them." (Romans 2:15, NKJV)

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15, NIV)

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace . . ." (Isaiah 55:12, NIV)

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5. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH LIFE EVENTS

"These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open." (Revelation 3:7b, NIV)

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20, NKJV)