

T O U G H QUESTIONS



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

How can I Hear God Speaking to me?

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"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice. My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."

John 10:1-5, 27 NLT

1. HOW GOD SPEAKS TO US

- God Speaks Through His Word

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word.

Psalms 119:147 NIV

- God Speaks Through His Spirit

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:13 NIV

- God Speaks Through His People

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 15:22 NIV

- God Speaks Through His Providence

What He opens, no one can close; and what He closes, no one can open:

Revelation 3:7b NLT

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2. KEYS TO HEARING GOD CLEARLY

- Be Still in Prayer

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for Him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Psalms 37:7 NLT

"God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them."

--Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer."

--Mother Teresa (1910-1997)

- Be Obedient to God

Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. . . And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them.

John 14:21 NLT

- Be Discerning in Guidance

Does it align with Scripture? (God never contradicts His Word.)

Does it honor Christ? (John 16:14)

Does it promote holiness, not sin? (Hebrews 12:14)

Is it affirmed by wise counsel and inner peace?

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.

Colossians 3:15a NLT