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God Still Speaks

Job 33:14 (NLT) For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV) (1) Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

John 10:27 (NLT) "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me".

The Importance Of Hearing God's Voice: It Gives Direction

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV) "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

1) It Brings Stability

Luke 6:47-48 (NLT) (47) "I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. (48) It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built."

James 1:25 (NIV) But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

2) It Provides Victory Over Sin

1 John 2:14 (NLT) I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father. I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one.

John 8:31-32 (NLT) (31) "...You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my [Word]. (32) And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

3) It Builds My Faith

Romans 10:17 (ESV) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 15:4 (NLT) And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Reasons We Don't Hear God's Word:

1 Samuel 3:1-5 (ESV) (1) Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. (2) At that time Eli... was lying down in his own place. (3) The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. (4) Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" (5) and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

1) Sin

Isaiah 59:2 (NLT) It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

James 1:21 (NLT) So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

2) Disobedience

Jeremiah 6:10 (NLT) To whom can I give warning? Who will listen when I speak? Their ears are closed, and they cannot hear. They scorn the word of the LORD. They don't want to listen at all.

Hebrews 2:1 (NIV) We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

3) Wrong Influence

Job 33:14 (NLT) For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it.

John 10:27 (NLT) "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

John 10:5 (NIV) "But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

The Place God Speaks:

1 Samuel 3:2-4 (ESV) (2) At that time Eli...was lying down in his own place. (3) The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. (4) Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!"

1) The Lamp Of God

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

2) In The Temple

Psalms 92:12-13 (NIV) (12) The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; (13) planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

John 8:47 (NIV) He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

3) With The Ark

Isaiah 30:21 (NIV) Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."