

Day 7 — God Speaks, part 2

- I hope you have been practicing speaking in tongues since yesterday. Remember, we are re-training our once focused “left” brain to switch to its far more important “right” brain, so it is going to feel weird at first, and depending on how dormant your “right” brain has been, it may take awhile. (1 Corinthians 2:6-16).
- Now, before I dive into right brain thinking, I want to keep us balanced. Your left brain is not bad. It has uses, and it too was given by God, obviously. BUT, it was never designed to be in the lead. So, mentally (pun fully intended), put that left brain in the backseat, and tell it, it is not allowed to backseat drive. Put the right brain in the driver seat. Don’t be scared. If Holy Spirit resides in you and you have yielded your whole life to Jesus Christ, He will help your right brain, which is really the face of your spirit, to drive safely.
- You are now set to begin to “live according to the things of the Spirit.” (Romans 8:5).
- God speaks through everything. As a matter of fact, He is really talkative, which, for most of us, is probably the opposite of what we have thought up to now.
 - How many times have you seen books, Bible studies, sermon series, on how to hear the voice of God? If your new to God, then you probably haven’t seen these things, but if you grew up in church at all, I would venture to say you have seen those topics many times.
 - Now that you actually HAVE a relationship with Holy Spirit, you can learn to tune your eyes and ears to God’s frequency.
- First, there are no coincidences. Many people explain away an instance where God is speaking, as a coincidence. Example: “God if you are real, show yourself to me.” Then, in the middle of a completely calm weather day right after we said that, the wind picks up and begins to blow. You may shiver from the wind, sensing something just happened, but your left brain tells you, it’s just a coincidence, and you shrug it off.
- So, we have to add to our premise from Day 1 and 2, there are no coincidences. Nothing happens by accident.
- Let me add a quick side note, Satan will try to lie to you through this new Holy Spirit relationship. Why? Because “he is the father of lies.” John 8:44. If he can’t detour you from having a relationship with Holy Spirit, he will then try and come in as a counterfeit spirit and try to convince you to listen to him.
 - This is not a place to have fear...because “God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7
 - How are you going to know the difference between Holy Spirit’s voice and the devil’s? First, you need to stand on the bead rock premise that God is Absolutely Good, and there is no evil in Him.
 - From that place, you will have to listen close to when you are spoken to...if there is ANY negative connotation mixed in it, pause and ask questions. I ask them out loud a lot of the time. It helps me to see it better.
 - Is there fear in this voice?
 - Is there doubt in this voice?
 - Is there confusion in this voice?
 - Is there condemnation or guilt in this voice?
 - Is there sin of any kind in this voice?
- If any of those things are in that voice at all, it is NOT God. How do we know?
 - 2 Timothy 1:7, “God did not give us a spirit of fear...”

- James 1:6, "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind."
- 1 Corinthians 14:33, "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace..."
- Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."
- There are lots of New Testament scriptures that talk about the sins of the flesh. If you need to know what those sins are, look them up in scripture, but I would venture to say, you already know what not to do.
- Back to God speaking —
 - God speaks in many ways. First, let me clarify because I didn't when I was discipling a friend, and she was confused for several days because of it.
 - God can and does speak audibly. I have heard Him audibly, but most of the time, He does not speak audibly.
 - God speaks through our thoughts and by impressing things on our heart. How do I know it is God and not me? Would you think that? Would you be naturally compelled to do that? If you are being honest with yourself, it is probably no...use the same scriptures above the test it.
 - Example: If you "hear", "I want you to go to that homeless man and give him \$20, buy him a coat, a hat, gloves, and a sharpie, so he can change his "Merry Xmas" sign to say "Merry Christmas." Tell him that I told you to do this, that for him to change the sign and never take Christ out of Christmas again because He truly is the reason for Christmas. Tell him, I see him, and I love him."
 - Yep, God actually told me to do that. It was easy for me to know it was NOT me just "thinking" that because I would NEVER "naturally" think that.
 - Now, often, it is not that obvious. Maybe for you, if you're shy, it might be, "smile at that person and nod a greeting." Then it may move to, "tell that person how nice they are." Then it may grow from there to, "Tell that person that I love them."
- God speaks in many other ways.
 - He speaks directly through scripture ALL the time! Remember, Jesus IS the WORD. (John 1:1-5)
 - God speaks through people. Look at the example above of you just smiling at someone or telling them they are nice...if God told you to say those words, and you obeyed, he is SPEAKING through you.
 - God speaks through His Creation, clouds, a breeze, the beauty around us. "For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead..." Romans 1:20
 - God speaks through numbers: I'm not talking about man's numerology. I'm talking about Hebrew. Each letter of the Hebrew alphabet is a number, with a meaning, a letter, with a meaning, and a picture, with a meaning. God will often show us the same numbers all the time. So much so, we are confounded by it. If you want to learn about this amazing way God speaks, I recommend you start with the book, Numbers That Preach, Understanding God's Mathematical Lingo, by Troy A. Brewer.
 - **Remember, everything God does, Satan tries to pirate and twist. So, it is always good to know where to go to look for answers.**
- God speaks through prayer. When we sit, kneel, or walk around with Him in prayer, He will speak to us...if we will listen. Often, I will sit quietly with God and say, "speak LORD, your

servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:9...those numbers speak in themselves. 3 - perfect completion; 9 - (in the positive), it means fruit bearing. So, if I say, “speak LORD, your servant is listening,” I am in God’s perfect completion, perfect relationship with the Godhead, Father, Son, Holy Spirit (3), and I am setting myself in the path of fruit bearing when I tune my ear to hear Him.

- You see, God is always speaking!!
- I know this has just scratched the surface, but remember, God says, “Call to Me, and I WILL answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 (do you see all those 3’s?). Numbers in triplicate mean a lot! In Troy’s book, he says, “When someone is seeing a triple digit over and over again, this is God reaching out to them. It’s important for us to go after the meaning, so we can transform our lives to match the heart of the One speaking to us.” (Page 40, Numbers the Preach). Please, DO NOT do a google search on what numbers mean. Go to a trusted source like Troy’s book.
- This is a lot to thinking on, so we will close for today...But, I want you to know that there are other ways God speaks as well, these gifts come through Holy Spirit, prophecy, words of knowledge, and words of wisdom. And just so I don’t ever put God in a box, I’m going to say, I’m sure He speaks in other ways. For God has no limits!
- Be blessed and encouraged, and I hope you are thinking on and taking in all that I have shared so far and putting it into practice. We can only build a cabinet if we take up the tools and use them. Take up your WORD Weapons and all the other tools I have laid out for you and use them to know God more deeply. Spend TIME with Him; it is the only way to truly KNOW Him.