

My Sheep Hear My Voice

1 Start with prayer: Pray to the Father and ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit to be with you as you consider the following questions. Thank Him for the blessings you are about to receive. Ask for His help. End your prayer “in Jesus name.”

Jn 10:27
 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me”
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2 Read the Word: Look up and prayerfully read this scripture. Take your time and allow God’s Word to soak into your heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to minister meaning to this Word from God, your Father, to you. You have spoken to Him through your prayer; now allow Him to speak to you through this scripture.

3 Commit this passage to memory this week. Your packet will have a business size card with this scripture written on it. Carry it with you and read it through out the day. Make sure to look this up in your Bible so that you will know where it is located.

4 If you are using a color-coding system to mark your Bible, use Brown to mark this passage. *Brown = Word, God speaking* .

Principles for Hearing:

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| 1) God is my Father | 1 Jn 3:1 |
| 2) My Father has a plan for my life | Jer 29:11 |
| 3) My Father wants to make known the plan for my life. | Is 30:21 |

Reflection

As you read Jn 10:27 what does the Holy Spirit speak to your heart (be aware of thoughts and feelings)?

Review the “Principles for Hearing”. Are there any other insights that the Holy Spirit wants to give you from these principles?

Imitation of Christ**Book 3, Chapter 1****THE INWARD CONVERSATION OF CHRIST WITH THE FAITHFUL SOUL**

I WILL hear what the Lord God will speak in me."

Blessed is the soul who hears the Lord speaking within her, who receives the word of consolation from His lips. Blessed are the ears that catch the accents of divine whispering, and pay no heed to the murmurings of this world. Blessed indeed are the ears that listen, not to the voice which sounds without, but to the truth which teaches within. Blessed are the eyes which are closed to exterior things and are fixed upon those which are interior. Blessed are they who penetrate inwardly, who try daily to prepare themselves more and more to understand mysteries. Blessed are they who long to give their time to God, and who cut themselves off from the hindrances of the world.

What are your thoughts as you read from the Imitation of Christ?

What would your life be like if you were that blessed soul that hears the Lord speaking within her?

Do you find anything hard about believing that God would speak to you? If so, what is it?

Is 30:21

21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

Heb 3:7-11

7* Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, when you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. 10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their hearts; they have not known my ways.' 11 As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through these passages? Mark these passages in *Brown = Word, God speaking.*