



LESSON 2:

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Big Idea: God still speaks today, and His children can recognize His voice.

Scripture Anchor: John 10:27, 1 Kings 19:11–13

THE VOICES FIGHTING FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Everyone listens to voices every day. The voices of friends, culture, TikTok, the news. The voice in your own head—sometimes encouraging, sometimes condemning. And of course, the voice of the enemy—always lying, accusing, twisting truth.

We live in the noisiest generation in history. Notifications every five seconds, ads fighting for attention, friends talking, thoughts racing. No wonder so many people ask, "Why can't I hear God's voice?"

But here's the good news: **God is still speaking.**

From Genesis to Revelation, He's a God who communicates. He spoke the world into existence. He spoke to Moses in a burning bush, Elijah in a whisper, Mary through an angel, Paul through a vision.

The truth is—He IS speaking. The problem isn't His silence, it's our distraction.



**"MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE; I
KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW
ME."**

— John 10:27

That means this isn't just for prophets, pastors, or "super-spiritual people." It's for **YOU**. The question isn't, "Is God speaking?" The question is, "Am I listening?"

THREE KEY PRINCIPLES



GOD SPEAKS IN MANY WAYS

"In the past God spoke... but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son."

— Hebrews 1:1–2



WE CAN RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

— John 10:27



OBEDIENCE SHARPENS OUR EARS

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

— James 1:22

PRINCIPLE 1: GOD SPEAKS IN MANY WAYS

God doesn't just have one communication style. He's creative. He speaks through His Word, through prayer, through the Holy Spirit, through creation, through other believers, through dreams, even through circumstances.

Hebrews 1:1–2 says God spoke in many ways before, but now He has spoken through Jesus. That means if you want to hear God clearly—**start with Jesus**. Open the Gospels. Watch how He lived, what He said, how He loved.

 **Think of radio waves.** They're all around us right now, but you need the right receiver to tune in. God is always transmitting—you've just got to tune your heart.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105

One-liner: God's voice isn't distant background noise—it's the soundtrack your life was meant to play on.

PRINCIPLE 2: WE CAN RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE

Jesus said: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Sheep don't have to try hard to recognize the shepherd's voice—they just spend time with him. **Recognition comes from relationship.**

Young Samuel (1 Samuel 3) heard God but didn't recognize Him until Eli told him, "Say, 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.'" Sometimes we just need to slow down, lean in, and acknowledge it's Him.

God's voice always lines up with His Word. He won't tell you to do something that contradicts the Bible.

Just like you instantly know your mum's voice in a crowd or your best mate's laugh in a noisy room—spending time with God makes His voice familiar.



One-liner: The more time you spend with God, the harder it is to mistake His voice.

PRINCIPLE 3: OBEDIENCE SHARPENS OUR EARS

It's one thing to hear—it's another to obey. James 1:22 says don't just listen, do what it says. **Every time we obey, we tune in clearer. Every time we ignore, the line gets fuzzy.**



GOD SPEAKS

He gives clear direction through His Word and Spirit



WE LISTEN

We pause, tune in, and recognize His voice



WE OBEY

We take action on what we've heard



CONNECTION STRENGTHENS

His voice becomes clearer in our lives

Abraham heard God tell him to leave his country. He obeyed, and God showed him the next step. **Often, God won't reveal the second instruction until you've obeyed the first.**

"If you are too busy to listen to God, you are simply too busy." — Corrie Ten Boom

One-liner: Obedience is the volume knob on God's voice in your life.



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HEARING GOD

MYTH: "ONLY PASTORS OR PROPHETS HEAR GOD"

Truth: Jesus said His sheep hear His voice. If you're His, you qualify.

MYTH: "GOD'S VOICE IS ALWAYS LOUD AND DRAMATIC"

Truth: Elijah heard Him in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:12). God often speaks in the quiet.

MYTH: "GOD STOPPED SPEAKING AFTER THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN"

Truth: While Scripture is the foundation, the Spirit still guides, convicts, comforts, and leads today.

PRACTICAL EVERYDAY TAKEAWAYS

01

START WITH SCRIPTURE

Open your Bible daily—God's voice is on every page. His written Word is the foundation for recognizing His voice in every other area.

03

ACT FAST

When you sense God speaking—obey quickly, don't overthink. The longer you wait, the easier it is to talk yourself out of obedience.

02

CREATE QUIET

Take 5 minutes of silence each day to simply listen. Turn off notifications, close your eyes, and ask: "Holy Spirit, what do You want to say to me?"

04

JOURNAL WHAT YOU HEAR

Write down one thing you sense God saying each day and test it with Scripture. This builds a track record of His faithfulness.

 **Weekly Challenge:** Spend 10 minutes each day in "listening prayer." Journal one thing you sense God saying and test it with Scripture.

GOD DOESN'T HAVE A SPEAKING PROBLEM—WE HAVE A LISTENING PROBLEM.

God is speaking. He always has been. The real question is: are you listening? His voice isn't random background noise—it's the anchor for your decisions, your peace, your calling, your future.

If you learn to hear Him, you'll stop being tossed around by culture.

If you tune in daily, you'll walk with confidence.

If you obey His voice, you'll live in purpose.

GROUP DECLARATION:

"I am a child of God. I hear His voice. I will follow His voice."

Fix the frequency, and you'll hear Him loud and clear.