



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: How to Recognize God's Voice

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

How To Know God Is Speaking To You

Prayer Focus

"God thank you for keeping all of your promises and for having good things in store for me. I know that you love to bless your children and you love me very much. Thank you for providing opportunities in my day to see your goodness and to talk about you to others. I am blessed to live my life for you Lord. Amen."

Key Truths

How do I know that God is speaking to me or if I am really being led to do something?

Romans 12:1-2 is foundational for the journey of a believer.

Verse 1 tells us that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. Our spirits got saved when we gave our life to Christ but our bodies didn't, therefore we have to continue to give ourselves to God.

Verse 2 instructs us not to be conformed by the world around us but to renew our minds and change the way we think. By renewing our minds, we learn the will of God. Along with learning the will of God we are to meditate on the will of God, read it daily, and learn to fear God.

The first way God speaks to us is through his word, he talks to our spirit. As we pursue God, he also speaks to us by planting desires in our heart. He inspires us to want the things of his heart.

Most Christians are waiting for something supernatural to happen before they move. Instead of assuming we have a red light, we should assume we have a green light and if we are moving the wrong direction the Lord will give us a red light. God is waiting for us to make a move. When

we are outside of the will of God, the peace will be gone and if what we hear doesn't align with the will of God, we should reject it.

Practical Application

Whether you hear God daily or have never noticed him speaking to you, he is. How beautiful to know that the God of the universe desires communication with you.

This week, as you open your Bible, ask God to make his voice easy for you to hear and pay attention to the peace that you feel as you seek him.

Reference Verses

- Romans 8:14, 12:1-2, 8:16
- James 1:21
- Psalms 119:128, 34:4
- Joshua 1:8
- Isaiah 8:18-19
- 2 Peter 1
- Deuteronomy 17: 18-19
- Proverbs 20:27
- Philippians 2:13
- Acts 7:23, 16:6-10
- Colossians 3:15
- Joel 2:28-29

Declarations

“God is always speaking to me and as I get in the word, I will learn how to hear his voice as he communicates to my spirit. I want my heart to look more like his and for my desires to align with the will of God. I declare that God’s word is true and God is the King of kings. He is all powerful, mighty, and worthy to be praised. ”

What’s Next?

Now it’s time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Romans 8:14 NKJV For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 12:1 AMPC I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.

1 Corinthians 9:27 NKJV But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

James 1:21 KJV ... and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Psalms 119:128 NKJV Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

James 1:21 KJV ... and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Isaiah 55:6-7 NKJV Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts.

Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Isaiah 8:20 NKJV To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

2 Peter 1:16-19 KJV For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well

pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2 Peter 1:19 KJV We have also a more sure word of prophecy...

Deuteronomy 17:18-19 KJV ...that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book...And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God...

Proverbs 20:27 KJV The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord...

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV ...and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:27 NKJV But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection...

Psalms 37:4 NKJV Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Acts 7:23 NKJV "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel."

Philippians 2:13 NKJV ...for it is God who works in you...

Ephesians 2:10 NKJV For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Acts 16:6-10 NKJV Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in [a]Asia. 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the [b]Spirit did not permit them. 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Colossians 3:15 AMPC And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all

questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called...

Joel 2:28-29 NKJV "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Acts 2:17 NKJV 'And it shall come to pass in the last days...'

1 Samuel 3:1 KJV And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 KJV And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

1 Samuel 9:15 NKJV Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear...

Romans 8:16 NKJV The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...

Colossians 2:6 NKJV As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him...