

TALK IT OVER

Heart of Listening

BOTTOM LINE

The key to hearing God is positioning your heart.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's a family treasure or heirloom that is meaningful to you?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Hearing God's Voice](#) by Craig Groeschel (34 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God. John 7:17 NIV

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. Psalm 66:18 NIV

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:9 NIV

And without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6 NIV

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:9 NASB

"When we stop hearing God's voice – we lose direction, discipline, and destiny. Without His voice, we drift. We make impulsive decisions. We follow the wrong voices. We run wild ... But when you hear God's voice and follow His wisdom, your life comes into order, peace, and blessing."

"God reveals His voice to those who have already chosen to obey. He doesn't reveal His will to satisfy our curiosity; He reveals it to secure our obedience."

"Before you ask, 'God, what do You want me to do?' ask, 'God, is there anything between us that I need to make right?' because God speaks to hearts that are clean and consciences that are clear."

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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The question is not if God is speaking to us. The question is whether or not we are in a position to hear His voice. Hearing God is the normal experience for children of God. He speaks to His sons and daughters. Does that reflect your experience? When have you recently heard His voice? Hearing God's voice depends on positioning your heart to hear Him. **First, a willing heart – the condition of surrender.** Before we even know what God says, our answer is "Yes." How do we get to that place? Surrender is not loss of freedom; it's the gate to divine direction. Discuss. **Second, a clean heart – the condition of holiness.** Unconfessed sin blocks God's voice. How do you work with God to unblock the channel? **Third, a listening heart – the condition of stillness.** How do you cultivate stillness? How can you maintain stillness throughout the day? **Fourth, a trusting heart – the condition of faith.** When God speaks, He rarely reveals the whole picture. We hear when we step forward in faith. When we trust God, our inner life becomes calm enough to recognize His leading. How has this been true for you? Is there an area where He is asking you to do this now? **Fifth, a teachable heart – the condition of humility.** God speaks to those who are willing to be corrected, redirected, and taught. A proud heart hears only what confirms its own ideas. Where is God asking you to say, *"I am ready to follow Your instruction, even if it challenges me?"*

ACTION STEP

I want to hear God speak to me. This condition in my heart needs work. I will work with God to get it right. _____