Hearing God’s Voice

*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”*

John 10: 27

*“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying ‘This is the*

*way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or you turn to the left.”*

Isaiah 30:21

There are a myriad of ways God “speaks” to us such as through His Word, His still small voice that manifests through our thoughts, nature (a timely bird, rainbow, etc.) circumstances (perhaps He wants us to learn a lesson through a particular situation), music, a person who appears at just the right moment with just the right words, our hearts (intuition), miracles, and coincidences that we begin to realize are really God’s timing and not coincidences at all, and more.

The timing of His communicating with us is often so perfect that it is easy

to think of it as we may have before we were believers. That, of course, would be a coincidence. Remember, there are no coincidences in God’s kingdom, especially when we are striving to intensify our relationship with Him.

When He sees our intentions He will make His presence known. It is up to us to filter out the noise and chaos of the world, and pay attention to our thoughts and not what is going on around us. It is up to us to recognize it is our loving, patient God trying to communicate with us so that we can stay in alignment with His will for us. From my experiences and those of others, I can say that living life that way makes our lives so much easier and joyful.

As our relationship with God grows, and the more we can slow down and be quiet enough to notice He is speaking to us, the more natural and amazing the relationship becomes. It is also important that we show our excitement and give God the glory that the King of the Universe who parted the Red Sea and raised Jesus and Lazarus from the dead is actually communicating with us out of love.

I have included a section on Hearing God’s Voice because God, in His still small voice that I hear daily through my thoughts, has impressed upon me the importance that we should not only acknowledge Him for allowing us to hear His voice, but to praise Him continuously for loving us enough to speak with us.

As far as acknowledging that He is speaking with us, a small group setting is an ideal place to share those experiences with others. If you have a like-minded friend who can appreciate what you have to share and perhaps there can be mutual sharing, that is also a great way to celebrate God.

It is all about giving God the glory and truly letting Him feel your heartfelt love and appreciation. Not only is it amazing that He wants to speak with us, but He speaks with each and every one of us in our own particular heavenly, love language. What a blessing that we each have our own special mode of communication with Him.

You may want to keep a written record of some of your interactions with God. I call them my WOWs!! He conveyed to me a long time ago that if He is going to bless me in such a special way, the least I can do is write them down as I continue to show Him my heartfelt appreciation.

Recording such interactions in written form also gives us the opportunity to go back and feel the joy and appreciation we felt when we first experienced them, and rejoice that we have such an awesome, personal, loving, and faithful God. We can even share our WOWs with friends and family who are looking for the kind joy we are experiencing. We can show them firsthand how our amazing, powerful, loving God communicates His love

for us, and assure them He can do the same for them.

**Note:** Please see the Resources page at the end of the course for

excellent resources for hearing the voice of God.

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