




HEARING
GOD'S
VOICE

Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10 am & 7 pm



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Recommended resource: *Frequency: Tune In. Hear God.* by Pastor Robert Morris

- Week One: You were created to hear God's voice.
- Week Two: How can I train my ear to hear God's voice?
- Week Three: How do I confirm God's voice and apply His word in my life?
- Week Four: How can I successfully and faithfully encourage others with the words God gives me?

Key Scriptural Themes:

John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Matthew 4:4, "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

John 6:63, "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life."

A personal note: I've based most of my teaching notes on a phenomenal series from Gateway Church, Dallas and Pastor Robert Morris. I cannot recommend his book, *Frequency*, to you enough and urge you to purchase it to supplement our study. Additionally, Gateway has archived all of Pastor Robert's teachings from this series with notes here: <https://gatewaypeople.com/series/frequency-2016>

Morris teaches this series over 8 weeks – and I've rearranged and condensed some sections to fit our Wednesday Women's format. This work and outline is almost entirely theirs and I want to credit this ministry and Bible teacher!

God is speaking. Let's listen.

Week One: You were created to hear God's voice.

Adapted from: <https://gatewaypeople.com/series/frequency-2016>

Focus: "Hearing God's voice is not about something we do. Rather, hearing God is about someone we are. Hearing God is not primarily a behavior. It's a reflection of our identity." (Frequency, Robert Morris, pg. 7)

Key Scriptures:

John 10:1-4

John 11

John 16

John 27

1. Our ability to hear God is innate.
2. Our ability to hear God is not only innate it is learned.
3. Our ability to hear God can mature.

Closing thoughts:

- Sometimes the enemy tries to convince us that times have changed, and the men and women in scripture had some other quality or qualification that allowed them to hear from God. This is a lie.
- Hebrews 11 lists these men and women. Most pre-dated written scripture. They fully relied on the voice of God to lead them.
- Hebrews 12, "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
- God's heart since the Garden of Eden has always been to speak to his people. And Jesus endured and conquered the cross so the access to that voice and power could be accessed by you and I, any where, anytime, any place.

Closing Illustration: Back drawing based on "impressions".

Take Aways:

- God still talks.
- Get along with God this week, turn on a worship CD, read the Bible, and write down what you think God is saying to you through what you read that day.
- The ability to hear God is innate, learned, and matured.

Week One Discussion Questions:

1. How do you make decisions?
2. Do you sometimes read about men and women in the Bible (like those in Hebrews 11) and think, "I'll never be able to hear from God like that..." Why is that?
3. Why can it sometimes be hard for us to stand still and wait on God to help us instead of doing something ourselves?
4. Hearing God is the second half of prayer. God never intended for prayer to be us giving Him our to-do list every morning. He intended prayer to be a communication between a Father and His children. Do you have a communicative relationship with God? What are some steps you use to quiet your mind and focus on God's voice?

Week Two: How can I train my ear to hear God's voice?

Focus: "When you value the voice of God, you will make a commitment to spend time with Him. By providing a time and a place to meet with Him, you can prepare an atmosphere to hear His voice." (Value His Voice Outline, Gateway People, online).

Key Scriptures:

Exodus 19:10-11, 19

2 Chronicles 20:17

I Samuel 3:1

Psalm 46:10

I Chronicles 28:19

Habakkuk 2:2

1. Set an appointment. (Exodus 19:10-11, 19)
2. Be still and worship. (Psalm 46:10, Exodus 14:13, 2 Chron 20:17, 21-24)
3. Pray and Read (Mark 1:35, Psalm 119:147)
4. Listen and write (Psalm 45:1, 1 Chron 28:19, Habakkuk 2:2, I Sam 3:1)

Closing Thoughts:

- Every day we need to spend time in God's presence, so we hear God's general voice. When we learn how to discern the general will of God on a regular basis, we are ready to hear God's specific word. (Frequency, pg 97)
- God can do more with your obedience, than your effort.
- We can share in Biblical principles together, share testimonies to grow your faith – but at the end of the day, hearing God's voice is RELATIONAL. You have to invest that time, with your heavenly Father.
- If you will see to the depth – God see to the width.

Illustration: Glasses with peeled orange and unpeeled. Water is noise of life. When your ear is trained to hear God's voice– it will keep you above the trouble and distraction.

Take Aways:

- Ask God to show you a place and time for you to meet with Him.
- Commit to your appointments with Him.
- Value that time by being still, worshipping, praying and reading the Word.
- Listen and write what you believe God is saying to you. Learn to hear His voice.

Week Two Discussion Questions:

1. How does valuing God's voice lead to making a commitment?
2. In what ways does remembering when and what God spoke to you show your journey as a believer?
3. Share some ways you can prepare an atmosphere for God? Why is it important to designate a date, time, and place.

Week Three: How do I confirm God's voice and apply his Word in my life?

Focus: "God always confirms His word. Always. It is biblical to ask God to confirm His word. Sometimes we need confirmation to ensure we hear Him correctly. When we ask God to confirm His word to us, we are asking him to establish it and make it firm." (Call for Confirmation Outline, Gateway People, online)

Key Scriptures:

Judges 6:16-18, 36-40

Matthew 18:16, 19:3-4

Mark 16:20

2 Corinthians 13:1

Proverbs 12:15, 19:20-21

Colossians 3:15

1. Does it line up with the Bible? (Matthew 19: 3-8)

2. Does Godly Counsel Agree? (Prov 12:15, 19:20-21, 24:6)

3. Do I have peace? (Col 3:15, Philippians 4:7)

Testimonial Story: "Judgement is coming to the house of the Lord." Three words, three independent sources, in three days.

Take Aways:

- As you spend time with God on a regular basis, you will learn to correctly hear His voice.
- It's okay to ask Him to confirm His word.
- His Word will line up with the whole Bible.
- Godly counsel will agree with God's word, and you will have peace.

Week Three Discussion Questions:

1. In reading Gideon's account in Judges 6:17-18, why does God's answer to Gideon encourage us to ask God for confirmation?
2. When we pray, "Lord, I want to know I'm hearing You," how can that help us separate His word from our own thoughts and desires?
3. What is the importance of reading the whole Word of God, rather than just choosing one scripture to agree with?
4. Do you have mature believers you can ask for godly counsel? How do you recognize their counsel is godly?

Week Four: How can stay connected in relationship with Jesus so I can encourage others with the words God gives me?

Focus: We know we are sheep and sheep hear the Shepherd's voice. God speaks to us for our own benefit, and sometimes for the benefit of others. God wants to encourage us with words of comfort and strength. And we can encourage others with those words.

Key Scriptures:

Relationship Scriptures:

Genesis 3:8-10

Luke 10:38-42

Prophecy Scriptures:

Numbers 11:24-29

Acts 2:16-18

1 Corinthians 14:1, 3, 31

1. Our relationship with Jesus is our highest priority, pursuit and passion.
2. All can prophesy.
3. Prophecy is not manipulative.
4. Prophecy is encouraging.

Take Home:

- Our relationship with God is our highest priority, pursuit, and passion. It's the leash your reach is tied to.
- We can all prophesy by hearing God.
- The Holy Spirit walks and talks with us because He remains with us after He baptizes us.
- God wants us to desire spiritual gifts, especially prophecy.

Week Four Discussion Questions:

1. Can you give an example of time where you heard God's voice and obeyed? What was the result?
2. Why is it important to know God as an encouraging Father when you seek spiritual gifts, especially prophetic words?
3. Read I Corinthians 14: 3. What questions can you ask as a scriptural test to discern a true prophetic word?
4. Explain how prophecy with selfish intentions might take the Lord's name in vain.
5. John 1:33 says that Jesus was the first person upon whom the Holy Spirit remained. Read Numbers 11:25. When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, how is this different from when the Holy Spirit rested on the elders in Numbers 11:25?