

Hearing God



Part 4

Hearing God

- ◆ God created us to enjoy intimate friendship with Him.
- ◆ Conversation is at the heart of every friendship.
- ◆ God is conversational and speaks to us.

- ◆ “Conversation” Is Something Other Than...
 1. God Speaking Directly (Audible Voice)
 2. The Written Word (Scripture)
 3. Angelic Visitation / Message
 4. Visions
 5. Dreams
 6. Prophecy
 7. Other Believers Speaking to Us
 8. Deliberation



Hearing God

- ◆ A Conversation with God includes “Listening to God in Your Heart”:
 1. Impressions
 2. Emotions
 3. Thoughts
 4. The Still Small Voice



Hearing God

Philip Carey Presents Another Perspective:

- ◆ Listening to your heart contributes to self-knowledge, not knowledge of God. For to know God you have to listen to God, not to yourself, and that means listening to a word that comes from outside yourself – the external word of Scripture.
- ◆ It is good news that God does not speak in our hearts. On the one hand, this means it's okay that the voices of our hearts are our own. And on the other hand, it means that when God does speak, we can hear him the way we hear people we love, who are real and therefore exist outside of our own hearts.



Hearing God

Last Week . . .

- ◆ The majority of all four groups reported a consensus that God speaks to us personally in our thoughts, emotions and impressions.
- ◆ A key to hearing from God is knowing the difference between our voice, and God's voice, which some believed was often easy to differentiate due to its distinct nature.
- ◆ Hearing from God may be overemphasized in churches and in teaching, but this alone should not eliminate its reality.

Hearing God



Hearing God

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. . . . But we have the mind of Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16





WELCOME TO EXODUS INTERACTIVE FORUM

INTERACTIVE



Participate, ask questions, talk back...

What if we listened to what everyone had to say — and discovered that God can speak through us all? After all, we all learn better when we talk things out, hear different points of view, and give room for the Spirit to speak through our deliberation.

[Read more](#)

THOUGHTFUL



Test everything, hold on to what is good...

Many hours of research are dedicated to prepare each one of our series. We explore the scriptures, the breadth of Christian scholarship, contemporary authors, and consider a wide range of sources outside of our faith.

[Read more](#)

FAITHFUL



Set apart Christ as Lord...

We all have questions. But we learn together in a way that tackles the deepest part of our doubts while making sure that our purpose is clear: to always know the reason for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ, and to be prepared to share that answer with everyone who asks us about that hope.

[Read more](#)

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF
EXODUS INTERACTIVE FORUM.

WE WELCOME YOU TO SEND
FEEDBACK, QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS, AND WE WOULD
LOVE TO HEAR HOW EXODUS HAS
IMPACTED YOU. EMAIL US AT:

INFO@EXODUSPODCASTS.COM

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.EXODUSPODCASTS.COM

- ALL OF OUR PODCASTS
- POWERPOINT SLIDES
- PODCAST TRANSCRIPTS
- BLOG UPDATES
- REFERENCE MATERIALS

© 2013 EXODUS INTERACTIVE FORUM.
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

YOU MAY FREELY DISTRIBUTE WITHOUT ALTERATION.