

## HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD?

### NXL CONNECT

#### CELL FORMAT

##### **BREAKDOWN >>**

//The goal of this lesson is to discuss how to hear God's voice. Here are a few scriptures to help you prepare for your discussion. John 10:1-16 John 10:25-28 Proverbs 4:19-26 Psalms 119:105-106 Mathew 18:16

##### **OPEN UP >>**

//Has God ever spoken to you? What did he say?

##### **NOTABLE QUOTE >>**

*// Hearing God's voice is a delicate issue. It should not be thrown around lightly. The Spirit voice of God should never be sought after, seek the written voice of God, and the spirit will follow.*

**PASTOR ZAC**

##### **OUT LOUD >>**

// Many Christians claim to know how to hear the voice of God. They say things like "God said...", "I heard the voice of the Lord telling me..." the truth is many people have based their life off the idea that God said but in reality God didn't say! We could examine a lot of the religions of our day and we could conclude that most of them were started by a statement of God said.

Don't be so sure that the voice you hear is the voice of God. Jesus said there is many other voices that are speaking, Question everything... (Your flesh has a voice, your friends have a voice, the world has a voice, the devil has a voice, and your mind has a voice.) We need to learn how to recognize God's voice. It's like when you're a kid you could be at a crowded grocery store or a mall even. There are people talking all over the place but the minute you hear the sound of your mom's voice you immediately know it's her. Why is that? It's simply because you know what your mother sounds like. Jesus said my sheep hear and know my voice. We have so many people speaking into our lives but the minute you hear God's voice if you know him it will pierce through the background clutter.

So the question is what does God sound like? Here are a few general guidelines that will help you out

- 1. Search the bible and not the voice.** God will always bring you back to his word. The bible is the only thing that the lord has exalted above his very name! The bible says heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not. There are too many people looking for a word from the lord. He already gave it to us it's found in the bible.
- 2. God always sends confirmation from reliable faithful leadership.**
- 3. Your authority figures will be in agreement.** (Pastors parent's teachers or connect leaders) These two go hand in hand. We have to understand that God will not operate outside of the authority structure that he has instituted in your life.
- 4. It will build the kingdom and not you.** God is interested in building his church. If you remember Jesus I will build my church. When God speaks to us it will bring glory to him. When it brings glory to you it's not God's voice that you're hearing but most likely the voice of your flesh. (Read John 10:25-26)
- 5. God's voice will sound like your pastor.** Your pastors are hearing from God weakly for things that you need to hear. That's why it's so important to be in church. If you're never in church you will significantly limit God's voice in your life. 1 Samuel. Samuel thought God sounded like Eli. Eli was his spiritual voice. Don't be surprised when the voice of God sounds a lot like your pastors.
- 6. It will require you to trust him with greater faith.** When you read your bible, you will find when God spoke it required people to stretch their faith. It caused even more reliance on him not less. A lot of times we think because we heard his voice things are going to get easier. That is partially true it's easier because you heard his voice but you will still have to get out of your comfort zone

**PRAYER FOCUS >>**

*Salvation, pray for big bill night, and for finances for our church.*