

PURSUING OUR CAPACITY



Hearing God...

What Do I Hear...

1 Kings 18:41-43 NLT

⁴¹ Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go get something to eat and drink, for **I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!**” ⁴² So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground **and prayed with his face between his knees.**

⁴³ Then he said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea.” The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, “I didn’t see anything.” **Seven times** Elijah told him to go and look.

How Does God Speak Today?

Hebrews 1:1-2 NLT

¹ Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ² And now in these final days, **he has spoken to us through his Son (Jesus Christ)...**

John 14:16-17 NLT

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Advocate, who will never leave you.** ¹⁷ He is the **Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.** The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and **later will be in you.**

**“So many Christians seem impossibly distracted from hearing God's voice...
The worst kind of persecution for a Christian is when you are separated from the joy and presence of the Holy Spirit.”**

Brother Yun

What Voice? – Own Desires

Romans 8:12-13 NLT

¹² Therefore, **dear brothers and sisters**, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³ For if you live by its dictates, **you will die**. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, **you will live**.

- Weaknesses in character
- Feed the flesh

My Response:

- Space
- Self-control
- Spiritual disciplines

What Voice? – Enemy Temptations

1 Cor 10:13 NLT

¹³ The temptations in your life are **no different from what others experience**. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, **he will show you a way out** so that you can endure.

- Finds vulnerabilities
- Has strategies

My Response:

- Recognise
- Resist
- Re-focus...

What Voice? – Holy Spirit

1 Cor 2:10-12 NLT

¹⁰ ...his Spirit **searches out everything** and shows us God's deep secrets. ¹¹ ...no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. ¹² And **we have received God's Spirit** (not the world's spirit), so **we can know** the wonderful things God has freely given us.

- Reveals
- Whispers

My Response:

- Train my understanding
- Tune my listening
- Test with faith actions

**“The voice you believe will
determine the future you
experience!”**

Ps. Steven Furtick

Elijah: 'Hearing' Preceded 'Seeing'

1 Kings 18:44-46 NLT

44 Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, “**I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.**” Then Elijah shouted, “Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’”

45 And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel.

46 **Then the Lord gave special strength to Elijah.** He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab’s chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.

Prayer & Fasting?

1 Kings 19:8 ESV ⁸ And he (*Elijah*) arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

James 5:16-18 NLT ¹⁶ ...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has **great power and produces wonderful results**. ¹⁷ Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! ¹⁸ Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

Personal Questions During P&F:

1. What 3 things is God saying to me?
2. How do I know its God speaking?
3. What is my next faith action?

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A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range under a clear sky.

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