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### "Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different ..."

**CS** Lewis

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#### Do People Naturally Recognise God's Voice?



1. People Don't Know When God Speaks 1Sam.3:8 NIV

<sup>8</sup> A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.

2. People Don't Think as God Thinks Isaiah 55:8 NIV 8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.



### What Voices Affect Us...



- **1. Self: Gal 5:17** <sub>NLT</sub> The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants... These two forces are constantly fighting each other...
- **2. Society:** 1 John 2:15  $_{ESV}$  Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- **3. Satan: Luke 4:13** <sub>NLT</sub> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.
- **4. Spirit:** John 16:13 <sub>NLT</sub> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard.

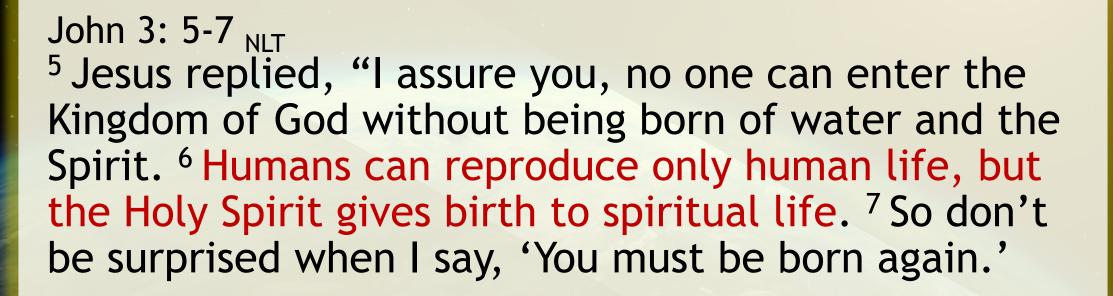
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## "Hearing the voice of God is not and experience that we earn, but a capacity that we cultivate."

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#### Where Does 'Capacity' to Hear Come From?

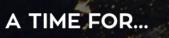


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## God's Voice or Something Else?

Consistent - or Inconsistent? Ps. 48:14
Clear Direction - or Confusing? 1Cor. 14:33
Build Me Up - or Break Me? Rom. 8:16
Align with God's 'Word' - or Against it? Num. 23:19





## Confidence in Hearing God Speak...

#### I Kings 19:12-13 <sub>NIV</sub>

<sup>11</sup> ... the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain....but the Lord was not in the wind. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"



## Knowing if it's God Speaking or Just Me?

#### God's Whisper

(Focus)

#### God's Wisdom

(Framework)

#### God's Word (Foundation)

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