



Week #5: Uncomplicate Hearing God's Voice

The Roadblock of _____

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:3-4, 27 (NIV)

Understanding what God's voice (His will) is and isn't:

- It's not a _____, although he offers his _____. (John 15:1-10)
- It's not a ____ thing, although it is a _____ that can be known. (Colossians 2:2-3)
- It's not a _____, it's more like a _____. (Psalm 37:4)

Guidelines & Questions to Help Us:

Know God's Will

- Follow what God has already _____.
- Listen to the _____.
- Seek _____ from others.

Hear God's Voice

- Does this line up with _____?
- Does it sound like _____?
- What does a _____ say?

(Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 12:2, John 16:13, Proverbs 13:10, Proverbs 27:6)

•The shortcut through silence is not simply asking to ____ God's voice, but to arrange your life _____ God's voice.

The Holy Spirit produces a different kind of fruit: unconditional love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You won't find any law opposed to fruit like this.

Galatians 5:22-23 (VOICE)

Discussion questions:

1. When you think about "hearing God's voice," what assumptions or expectations have shaped that understanding? How do they compare with Jesus' description of the sheep knowing the Shepherd's voice in John 10: 3-4, 27?
2. Which misunderstanding do you most resonate with right now: wanting a feeling, waiting for something mystical, or looking for a blueprint? How has that expectation affected your ability to grow in your prayer life?
3. Which of these rhythms (studying scripture, listening to the spirit, and seeking wise counsel) is strongest in your life? Which one is the weakest? What might that reveal about how you approach discernment?

Recommended resources:

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[*Ten Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe*](#) by Larry Osbourne

[*Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God*](#) by Dallas Willard

[*The Practice of the Presence of God*](#) by Brother Lawrence

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- It's not a blueprint, it's more like a gameplan. (Psalm 37:4)

Guidelines & Questions to Help Us:

Know God's Will

- Follow what God has already commanded.
- Listen to the Holy Spirit.
- Seek wise counsel from others.

Hear God's Voice

- Does this line up with God's word?
- Does it sound like Jesus?
- What does a trusted friend say?

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