

# Hearing God Is More important Than We Think!

Message 03 of the series, "More"

## 1. God desires for us to know Him more than He desires for us to know about Him.

"Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."  
Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT) (NKJV)

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

Note: God desires to speak to us even more than we desire to hear from Him.

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."  
Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

"For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it." Job 33:14 (NLT)

"There's a private place reserved for the lovers of God, where they sit near him and receive the revelation-secrets of his promises." Psalm 25:14 (TPT)

## 2. Having a relationship with God and hearing His voice is life giving!

"I have come to give you more than you expected—life in its fullness until you overflow!"  
John 10:10 (TPT)

"...The very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." John 6:63 (NLT)

### A. Hearing God proves we are in His family.

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27 (NLT)

"Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God." John 8:47 (NLT)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." John 14:15 (ESV)

### B. Hearing God leads us down the best path for our life.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life...." Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

### C. Hearing God protects us from harm, mistakes, and errors.

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track." Proverbs 3:6 (MSG)

"...I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

## 3. We are not going to hear God unless we really, really want to hear God.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

"It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

Life Application: The primary way we recognize God's voice is through the Bible.

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."  
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

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**Connect Group Questions:**

1. Share a time when in the midst of a particularly tense moment, you heard the voice of someone who loves you, and it gave you confidence to act.
2. What is the difference between knowing about someone and really knowing someone? What elements are needed in getting to know someone?
3. What does the typical person think about having open communication with God? How do most believers or unbelievers see God? (angry, unresponsive, loving, passionate, etc.)
4. Have you ever experienced an Isaiah 30:21 in your life? What were the circumstances? How did you know that it was God speaking?
5. Read Jeremiah 33:3 and Psalm 25:14. Do you believe that God wants to reveal Himself to us today? In your opinion, what hinders believers from spending time with God?
6. Name some benefits of developing a consistent relationship with God?
7. Based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what should be happening in our lives when we have a deliberate time each day in God's Word?
8. What has God been saying to you lately? How have you responded to that?