

“How Does God ‘Speak’ to Me?”

Questions that Need Answers – 6

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John 10:27; Matthew 4:4 – “My sheep listen to my voice... and they follow me.”

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

➤ God Communes with Me “Spirit to Spirit”

Proverbs 20:27 – “The human spirit is the lamp of the Lord.”

➤ God Communes as “Perfect Parent to Growing Child”

Matthew 7:9-11 – “...if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or... a fish... a snake? If you... know how to give good gifts... how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts...”

Matthew 6:8-9 – “...pray: “Our Father in heaven...”

Romans 8:15-17 – The Spirit you received brought about your adoption... And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children... then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...

➤ So, I Can Keep My Spirit “On-Line” Continuously

Romans 8:26 – The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

➤ I Can Approach Scripture with a Listening Spirit

2 Timothy 3:16 – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

➤ I Can Avoid Prioritizing Any “Leading” over Character

Luke 16:10-12 – “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much... dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

☞ Trustworthy in Very Little, Finances, Other’s Property

➤ I Can Stay Balanced Concerning God’s Purposes

• Trust & Follow Christ

○ Love as Christ Loved

▪ Serve Others

▪ Reach Outside of “Sheep-World”

➤ I Can Slow Down & Seek to Add “Margin” to My Life

Psalm 90:12 TLB – Teach us to number our days... help us to spend them as we should.

John 7:6 – Jesus told them, “The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right.”

➤ I Can Actually Just Stop More Frequently

Matthew 15:38 – After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat...

➤ I Can Just Be Quiet

Isaiah 30:15 TLB – “Only in returning to me and waiting for me will you be saved; in quietness and confidence is your strength.”

1 Thessalonians 4:11 – Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business.

➤ I Can “Still” My Whole Being & Breathe Deeply

Psalm 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God.”

➤ I Can Tune My Spiritual “Ears” to Hear

Matthew 8:8 – “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

➤ I Can Appreciate the Living Presence of God:

• In Solitude

• In Creation

Psalm 148:7-10 – Praise the LORD... you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds... mountains... hills, fruit trees... cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds...

• In My Memories

Psalm 106:7 – They did not remember your many kindnesses, and they rebelled.

• In Music, Art & All Inspired Creativity

Psalm 45 – For the director of music. To [the tune of] “Lilies.” ...A wedding song.

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

Acts 16:24-25 – He put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing...

• In Life-Giving Relationships

2 Corinthians 7:13 – ...especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

• In Church – My Spiritual Family

Hebrews 10:24-25 – And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...

Next Week, June 8 @ CLC with Doug Holmes:

“If God Is Good, Why Is there So Much Suffering?”

A suggested prayer: “Dear Wise, Loving Heavenly Father, Thank You for wanting a relationship with me. Help me to trust You today and keep the conversation fresh & alive, through Jesus Christ, Amen.”