

How To Hear God's Voice

For God does speak—now one way, now another—though man may not perceive it. Job 33:14 (NIV)

Why God Speaks...

1. To confirm we are His child

*[Jesus] I am the good Shepherd, and I know those who are mine and my sheep know me...and they hear my voice...
John 10:14, 16 (Ph)*

2. To help us avoid mistakes

*God speaks...causing them to change their minds, and keeping them from pride, and warning them of the penalties of sin and keeping them from falling into some trap.
Job 33:17-18 (LB)*

3. To help us live fruitful lives

*I am the vine. You are the branches. Those who live in me while I live in them will produce a lot of fruit. But you can't produce anything without me.
John 15:5 (GW)*

How God Speaks...

1. Through His Word

*The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right.
2 Timothy 3:16 (LB)*

*Your Word is a lamp to guide me and light for my path.
Psalm 119:105 (GN)*

2. Through His Messengers

*We don't speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths...
1 Corinthians 2:13 (GN)*

*If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have.
Romans 12:6 (GN)*

3. Directly to our Heart

*The Holy Spirit...will be your teacher and will bring to your mind all I have said to you.
John 14:26 (Ph)*

*For God speaks again and again, in dreams, in visions at night when deep sleep falls on men as they lie on their beds. He opens their ears in times like that, and gives them wisdom and instruction.
Job 33:14-16 (GN)*

4. Through Discomfort

*A person may be corrected while in bed in great pain...
Job 33:19 (NCV)*

*I used to wander off until you punished me; now I closely follow all you say...The punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws.
Psalm 119:67, 71-72 (LB)*

*Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.
Proverbs 20:30 (GN)*

*Today, if you hear God's voice speaking to you, do not harden your heart against him...
Hebrews 3:15 (LB)*