

HEARING GOD'S VOICE THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE

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WE ARE CALLED TO KNOW GOD PERSONALLY

7 For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. 8 But God found fault with the people and said: “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I

turned away from them, declares the Lord. 10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Hebrews 8:7-12

WE STAND BEFORE GOD WITH OUR CONVICTIONS

3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.

Romans 14:3-5

WHY WOULD
GOD USE OTHER
PEOPLE TO
SPEAK TO ME?



GOD GIVES US KEY PEOPLE TO AID US

Parents

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1-3

Church Leaders

17 Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Hebrews 13:17

The body of Christ

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

CONNECTION

There is so much in our Christian walk that is dependent on our connection to other people. There are some answers, wisdom, support, encouragement, provisions, care, advice, perspective that we will only access through others. Rugged individualism does not fit the kingdom.

CONFIRMATION

He uses others to speak to us as a means to confirm what we have heard. This enables us to grow in confidence that we are hearing God's word. The agreement of two or three witnesses establishes a matter.

COMFORT

We all reach times when we are down and cannot easily comfort or encourage ourselves. It is specifically in these times that God uses others to speak words of wisdom, comfort, encouragement and care to us.

WHAT SHOULD
WE EXPECT
FROM OTHER
PEOPLE?



BASIC SPEECH PRINCIPLE

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

James 3:9-12

ONE ANOTHER'S

Love

John 13:35, Romans 13:8, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 3:11, 1 John 3:23, 1 John 4:7 , 1 John 4:11-12, 2 John 1:5

Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 3:13, Hebrews 10:24-25

Warm greetings

Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Peter 5:14

Brotherly love

Romans 12:10

Harmony

Romans 12:16

Acceptance

Romans 15:7)

Service

Galatians 5:13

Bearing with

Ephesians 4:2

ONE ANOTHER'S

Show Kindness

Ephesians 4:32

Do not slander

Romans 14:13 , James 4:11 , 1 Peter 3:8

Agree with

1 Corinthians 1:10

Be submissive to

1 Peter 5:5, Ephesians 5:21

Show hospitality

1 Peter 4:9

Instruct and admonish

Romans 15:14, Colossians 3:16

IF SOMEONE I REMAIN
ELSE BRINGS A ACCOUNTABLE
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LIFE



THE GIFT OF PROPHECY



PROPHECY IS FOR ALL BELIEVERS

**Especially desire that you might
prophecy**

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire
spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:1

**Prophecy is to edify others not the
prophet**

I would like every one of you to speak in tongues,
but I would rather have you prophesy. He who
prophesies is greater than one who speaks in
tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church
may be edified.

1 Corinthians 14:5

**Its goal is for instruction and
encouragement**

For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone
may be instructed and encouraged

1 Corinthians 14:31

IT IS ONLY TO BE USED FOR STRENGTHENING, ENCOURAGEMENT AND COMFORT

3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **strengthening, encouraging** and **comfort**.

4 Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

1 Corinthians 14:3-4

ALL PROPHECY MUST BE JUDGED

9 **For we know in part and we prophesy in part,**
10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

1 Corinthians 13:9-10

RECOGNIZE AUTHORITIES

37 If anyone thinks they are a prophet or otherwise gifted by the Spirit, **let them acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command.** 38 But if anyone ignores this, they will themselves be ignored.

1 Corinthians 14:37-38

LETS TRY THIS
NOW



TRY THIS AT
HOME

