

How God Speaks to Us

It is reasonable to assume that believers in Jesus Christ want to be obedient to Him – to understand the purpose our Lord has for us (He does have a plan for each individual life), and to seek His guidance in decisions we must make.

In short, we want to please Christ, both in what we say and in what we do.

Perhaps you are like me, however, when confronted with hard choices and praying for God's will. The answer doesn't always come quickly or easily.

What does He really want me to do?

In my impatience, I find myself thinking, "I wish God would just send me a letter and tell me what to do!"

Guess what? He has! It is called the *Holy Bible*, and it is God's love letter to you and me.

The Bible is a primary means God has established for speaking to us. It is His Word – and we can count on it. Between its pages are answers to life and its problems.

A second important way God communicates with us is through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit – that still, small voice within. The Holy Spirit is One of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

It is impossible to follow God unless we are led by the Spirit. The only way to be led by the Spirit is to follow God's command to be filled by the Spirit, and we are filled with the Spirit when we decide to give our life to Christ, to become a Christian. Among the many roles played by the Holy Spirit is to guide us in our everyday lives.

Another avenue for understanding God's direction for us – or, at the least, validation of His will – is through the counsel of godly friends.

In my life, there are key individuals who impart wisdom into a circumstance I am walking through. After a conversation with them, I always feel refreshed, encouraged and challenged.

Never take for granted the wisdom of a friend. Choose them wisely. When was the last time you picked up the telephone to call a friend or dropped by to enjoy a good time? Trust the Lord to pour into you through a godly friend.



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And ask God to provide an opportunity to do the same for someone else – allowing Him to speak through you.

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend (Proverbs 27:17 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter