

Listen to His Voice

A young mother alone with her preschoolers for a week while her husband was away on a business trip found the fourth day particularly exasperating.

After several bedtime stories, she finally succeeded in putting the energetic children to bed and decided to relax.

She changed into an old pair of sweats and began to shampoo her hair when she heard the children jumping around in their room.

Wrapping a towel around her head, she went in to scold them. As she walked out of the children's room, she overheard the littlest one ask, "Who was that?"

We may chuckle at the story, but there is a spiritual analogy here.

In our busy lives, we often overlook God's presence. We can become so involved in the tasks at hand that we fail to recognize His presence or His voice. Then we miss His guidance and His grace.

Have you ever found yourself asking, "Who was that?" only later to realize that it was indeed God?

He wants us to know Him so well that we immediately recognize His voice to obey His commands. There is no better way to know His voice than through an intimate relationship with Him.

A perfect time to develop an awareness of the Father's voice is in the early morning when we can quietly listen.

A while back, Terry Leonard, Life Care's chief information officer, and I were texting back and forth shortly after 7 a.m. about the beauty of a Tennessee sunrise. The sky was an Artist's canvas with splashes of pink on small, puffy white clouds and patches of purple here and there.

Deep within our consciousness, there was no doubt God was saying, "I love you, and here is a visual gift to begin your day." It was a worshipful experience for both of us.

Be sensitive to those occasions when He is speaking to you, perhaps in a sunrise or sunset, the cry of a newborn child, or moments of meditation in a personal devotional.

The sheep follow Him because they know His voice (John 10:4 NASB).

– Beecher Hunter

