

CHAPEL

Asking For A Friend How Do I Hear God's Voice?

"God doesn't have a speaking problem, we actually have a hearing problem."

Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor." "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the Lord speaking to me. Don't go away until I come back and bring my offering to you." He answered, "I will stay here until you return."

Judges 6:11-18

"The most important factor in your life is hearing from God."
"We've got to tune in to what He's speaking."

We tune out God's voice by:

- Living in discouragement

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Judges 6:12,13

- Living in comparison

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- Living in doubt

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Judges 6:16-18

We tune in to God's voice by:

- Trusting

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29-31

- Resting

"The greatest enemy of our heart is busyness."

"Above all else, guard your heart; for out of it flows the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23

"You can generally tell when God is speaking to you. It's when you have an idea or a thought that's better than one you can think up yourself."

- Friendship

"After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they recognize his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't recognize his voice." John 10:4-5