

God is Not Silent Holy Spirit Series Week 4

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“Being led by the Spirit stresses the spirit’s initiative and enablement. Walking by the Spirit stresses our resulting behavior. The Spirit leads us by creating desires to obey God, and we walk by fulfilling those desires in action.” (John Piper)

Does God speak?
How does he speak?
So what?

Big Idea God still speaks to us today through His Word and through His Spirit

Does God Speak?

Word of God

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (John 14:25-26)

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (John 16:12-15)

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

*“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—*

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might

understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (I Cor. 2: 6-13)

- God's wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit (10)
- Only the Holy Spirit knows God's deepest thoughts (11)
- We have been given the Spirit so we may understand the things given to us by God. (12)

Character of God

Work of God

Why you may not hear His voice.

- Don't believe He still speaks
- Don't recognize his voice
- Too busy
- Fear/ doubt/ uncertainty

How does he speak?

Through Scripture

Already talked about this in a previous message but HS remind us truth Word (John 14), also guides us into all truth (John 16). Gives new insight helps with how we can apply Word to a situation we are facing

To my spirit

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (Romans 8:15-16)

"Look closely at that concluding comment. God's Spirit literally communicates with –bears witness with – our inner being, called here "our spirit." in other words, an entire system of inner communication is established at the time of salvation, making it possible for us to receive whatever it is the Spirit wishes to communicate!" (Swindoll)

Specific ways He speaks

- Direction
- Comfort
- Illumination

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- What to say
- Relational healing
- Boldness
- Divinely orchestrating circumstances.

How does The Holy Spirit speak to you?

So What?

- Keep your nose in the book.
- Make time to be still before God.
- Practice His presence.
- Train yourself to be sensitive to Holy Spirit's promptings
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Application