

DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – "God Speaks to You"

And So the Story Goes....

In his book *Directions*, author James Hamilton shares this insight about listening to God.

Before refrigerators, people used icehouses to preserve their food. In winter, when streams and lakes were frozen, large blocks of ice were cut, hauled to the icehouses and covered with sawdust. Often the ice would last well into the summer.

One man lost a valuable watch while working in an icehouse. He searched diligently for it, carefully raking through the sawdust, but didn't find it. His fellow workers also looked, but their efforts, too, proved futile. A small boy who heard about the fruitless search slipped into the icehouse during the noon hour and soon emerged with the watch. Amazed, the men asked the boy how he found it.

"I closed the door," the boy replied, "lay down in the sawdust, and kept very still. Soon I heard the watch ticking."

Often the question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are still enough and quiet enough to hear. Yes, Jesus assures us that our heavenly Father always listens to us, but do we really listen to Him? Do we follow the instructions of Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God?"

They Said It:

"When you are a new Christian, you may not readily recognize God's voice. Young Samuel needed help in recognizing it (1 Samuel 3:1-14). However, the Biblical pattern is that in most cases people struggled not in identifying God's voice but in deciding whether they would obey what the voice was telling them." – Henry and Richard Blackaby



"A nine-year old boy asked me recently how he could recognize Christ's voice. The important question comes with a simple answer. You learn to recognize His voice by spending time with Him and discovering what makes His voice unique."

– Frank Moore

"We must learn how we can hear what God is saying to us. We do so in a number of ways – expectantly, quietly, patiently, actively, confidently, dependently, openly, attentively, carefully, submissively, gratefully and reverently." – Charles Stanley

"When you believe God is telling you something, the Bible is your best guide to ensure you are hearing Him correctly."

– Henry and Richard Blackaby

Readings From The Scriptures:

Day 1 – Genesis 6:11-22

Day 2 – Exodus 20:1-23

Day 3 – 1 Samuel 30:3-8

Day 4 – Malachi 3:6-18

Day 5 – John 12:27-30

Day 6 – Acts 9:1-19

Day 7 – Hebrews 1:1-2

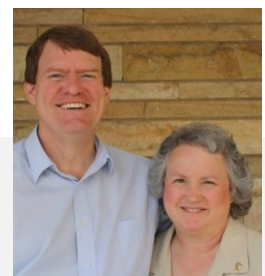
Try This Memory Verse:

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."
(words of Jesus in John 10:27)

GOD'S VOICE	SATAN'S VOICE
• STILLS YOU	• RUSHES YOU
• LEADS YOU	• PUSHES YOU
• REASSURES YOU	• FRIGHTENS YOU
• ENLIGHTENS YOU	• CONFUSES YOU
• ENCOURAGES YOU	• DISCOURAGES YOU
• COMFORTS YOU	• WORRIES YOU
• CALMS YOU	• OBSESSES YOU
• CONVICTS YOU	• CONDEMNS YOU

News & Notes . . .

- **Resource Offer – *Hearing God's Voice***, by Henry and Richard Blackaby, is an outstanding book on the topic of hearing from God. Contact us if you would like a free copy.
- **A Word of Thanks** – We are grateful for the opportunities we have had to present discipleship workshops this past year! Special thanks to *Vicki Cammer's Ladies Bible Study* at Weedsport (August), *Pastor Jeff Rogers and Michelle Archer* at Canastota (August), and to all who helped with and attended *Discipleship Day 2021* at Auburn COTN (October).
- **Discipleship Nuggets** – Starting the week after Easter, we will again offer *Discipleship Nuggets* - 2-3 paragraph teachings which cover various areas of practical discipleship. These can be emailed or sent by regular mail once a week. To sign up, please contact us at edarlin1@gmail.com.
- **Note of Dedication** – This edition of *Discipleship Today* is dedicated to some strong supporters of TDC who have recently passed away: Joann Palmisano, Louise Palen, and Marlyn Preston. This ministry greatly benefited due to their encouragement, prayers, and financial support.
- **Visit our website**, www.discipleshipcenter.org for many more discipleship tools.
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How God Spoke in the New Testament

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