Hearing God: God, Is That You? Pastor Summer Bowie March 21, 2021

John 10:27-28 TPT

"My own sheep will hear my voice and I know each one, and they will follow me. I give to them the gift of eternal life and they will never be lost and no one has the power to snatch them out of my hands."

"The one who does not expect God to speak will discount every single time when God does speak." – A.W. Tozer

God Speaks Supernaturally ...

• Through dreams and visions

Joel 2:28 NLT

"Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon **ALL** people. Your sons and daughters will **prophesy**. Your old men will **dream dreams**, and your young men will **see visions**."

Acts 2:17 NLT

"In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon **ALL** people. Your sons and daughters **will prophesy**. Your young men will **see visions**, and your old men will **dream dreams**."

A dream is an occurrence when you are **sleeping**_as a means of revelation from God.

A vision is an occurrence when you are **awake**_as a means of revelation from God.

God Speaks Through Dreams and Visions:

1. To provide direction

Acts 16:9-10 NLT

That night Paul had a **vision**: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

God Speaks Through Dreams and Visions:

- 1. To provide direction
- 2. To provide warning/insight

Matthew 2:12 NLT

When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had **warned them** in a dream not to return to Herod.

God Speaks Through Dreams and Visions:

- 1. To provide direction
- 2. To provide warning/insight
- 3. To provide promise

God Speaks Supernaturally ...

- Through dreams and visions
- Through prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:3 NLT

But one who **prophesies** strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

A prophetic word should **encourage** and **uplift** you, not leave you feeling *ashamed or condemned*.

A prophetic word should **affirm** and **confirm** something the Lord is already doing in your heart, not leave you *confused*.

God, is that you?

- Slow Down

Lamentations 3:25 CSB

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the person who seeks him.

God, is that you?

- Slow Down 🔾
- Stop

Stop 🖲

Ask the question, "Does this line up with God's Word and His character?"

Psalm 119:105 TPT

Truth's shining light guides me in my choices and decisions; the revelation of your Word makes my pathway clear.

Stop 🖲

Ask the question, "Is this affirmed by God's counsel (mature believers)? "

Proverbs 24:6 NKJV

For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

Stop 🖲

Ask the question, "Do I have peace from God?"

Colossians 3:15 NLT

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.

God, it is you!

- Slow Down 🔾
- Stop
- Go

Jeremiah 1:12 CSB

The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I watch over my word to accomplish it."