

The Shepherd's Voice

Nine teachers on hearing God — gathered, weighed, and brought home to the Word

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Nine Teachers, One Hunger

Type it into any search bar — *how do I hear God's voice* — and a thousand voices answer. Preachers, mystics, detectives, mothers, a Pentecostal pastor, a missionary filming at dawn in Mozambique. Millions of people are listening for God, and a whole industry has risen to teach them how.

This is a reading of nine of those teachers — men and women who each made a video about hearing God, watched by many. I sat with all nine and listened the whole way through. What follows is not a takedown and it is not an advertisement. It is a weighing. I want to gather what is true in them — and there is much — and hold the rest up against the one voice none of them can improve on.

So the method is simple, and I will keep to it. Every sentence I put in a teacher's mouth is quoted word-for-word from their own video; I have not paraphrased anyone into looking worse than they are. And every test I bring is not mine but Scripture's, quoted in full, so you can see it with your own eyes. The base of this study is the open Bible, not the videos. The videos raise the question. The Word answers it.

And let me tell you where I stand, so you do not mistake this for a skeptic's cold audit. I am not a man who doubts that God speaks — I am a man who has heard Him: words for a stranger on a bus that undid him, a sickness sensed before it was ever seen, and once, at three in the morning, the Father's own voice landing with a weight that shook me on

the inside. I am not here to talk you out of hearing God. I am here to guard the real thing from the counterfeit — because I know what the real thing is worth.

Here is the whole thing in one breath: **God speaks — and the surest, fullest place you will ever hear Him is the Book already in your hands.** The same Bible that promises you will hear also commands you to test what you hear. Jesus said it:

John 10:27, WEB · My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

And John, who leaned on his chest, wrote it:

First John 4:1, WEB · Beloved, don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Both are true at once. The sheep really do hear. And not every voice that reaches a sheep is the Shepherd. This whole study lives in the space between those two sentences.

He Has Not Gone Silent

Start with what they get right, because they get the biggest thing right. Not one of these nine believes God has gone quiet. And on that, they stand on rock.

Pastor Vlad puts it as strongly as anyone: to know God is to know His voice. Jamie Morgan says the Holy Spirit "is not the silent partner of the Trinity as some assume He is." Ian, the missionary, found the door only when he "grew tired enough of the world's voice" to go looking for the Creator's. And Nathan May draws the picture that stays with you — that most of us are "trying to hear God whisper while standing beside a jet engine at the airport." The whisper is real. The problem is the airport.

Scripture agrees with them against every deist and every despairing heart. God is a speaking God, from the first page to the last:

Hebrews 1:1-2, WEB · God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds.

Read that slowly, because the whole book turns on it. God *spoke* — and then God *spoke by his Son*, and there the sentence stops. The Son is where God's speech comes to rest. Everything after must be measured by Him.

And the sheep do hear Him. This is not a promise to prophets and pastors only; it is the birthright of everyone who belongs to Jesus:

John 10:2-5, WEB · But one who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. Whenever he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. They will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him; for they don't know the voice of strangers.

Notice what makes a sheep a sheep: not a technique, but a belonging. "They know his voice" because they are *his*. Jesus said the same thing from the other side, to those who were not His: "He who is of God hears the words of God. For this cause you don't hear, because you are not of God" (John 8:47). Hearing follows belonging. First you are His; then you know how He sounds.

Which is why, before any method, there is a birth. The ear for the Shepherd is given in the new birth — Jesus made that the one doorway, and He was emphatic that the birth in view is of the Spirit:

John 3:3, WEB · Jesus answered him, "Most assuredly, I tell you, unless one is born anew, he can't see the Kingdom of God."

John 3:6-8, WEB · That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don't know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Hear how He binds the two together: "you hear its sound... so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." The ear for the Shepherd is given in the second birth — which is why the *sheep*, and not the world, know His voice.

I know it from the inside. The night I was born again I was given a picture I have never shaken — standing at the foot of a great living egg lit from within, my whole mess taken clean away, and a peace I had no words for. And then, driving home, before I understood any of it, I heard Him: a first clear word, to speak life and not death (Proverbs 18:21). The new spirit and the new ear were one gift, and they arrived together. I have set the whole story down in [Born Again](#) for anyone who wants to begin there rather than here.

So the hunger these teachers stir is a holy hunger. The tragedy Scripture names is never that God says too much; it is a world gone deaf:

Amos 8:11, WEB · "Behold, the days come," says the Lord Yahweh, "That I will send a famine in the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of Yahweh.

If your soul pants for that voice — "As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants after you, God" (Psalm 42:1) — you are not sick. You are alive. Now the only question left is the one that matters: *when you finally hear something, how will you know it is Him?*

But What Does the Voice Sound Like?

Here is the quiet surprise, and it is the hinge of everything. Ask these teachers what "hearing God" actually feels like from the inside — and almost none of them describe a literal voice speaking words in your ear. They describe something far more slippery: God speaking, most often, in your *own* inner-monologue voice — which is exactly why people miss it, or doubt it. Pastor Vlad says God's voice "often sounds like your thoughts." Lisa Osteen calls it a thought "dropped into your spirit." Jamie Winship describes two voices *in his own head* and says, "I know the voice. It's not mine." Nathan May calls what he receives "impressions" and "downloads" that "just appear." A literal audible voice? Ian claims it happened to him once, in a lifetime; Morgan lists it as one item on a long menu; and Lydia, at ARISE, tells of hearing God say "Here I am" and then feeling His arms around her — the far, felt end of the range. But for most of them, most of the time, the "still small voice" is an inner impression that feels a great deal like their own thinking.

Sit with what that means, because they have handed us the problem themselves. *If the voice sounds like your own thoughts, then you cannot tell it from your own thoughts by its sound.* And you cannot tell it from a darker source by its sound either. The Bible is blunt about both dangers. About ourselves:

Jeremiah 23:16, WEB · Thus says Yahweh of Hosts, Don't listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you: they teach you vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of Yahweh.

A vision of their own heart — mistaken, sincerely, for the mouth of God. And about the enemy:

Second Corinthians 11:14, WEB · And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light.

He does not come with a growl. He comes as light — warm, reasonable, even biblical. So a voice that “feels peaceful” and “sounds spiritual” has told you almost nothing, by its feel alone, about where it came from.

And yet there is a tell, and it runs opposite to what the videos promise. The words from God I have been surest of were the ones least like me: a sentence for a stranger I would never have thought to say, a warning I argued against before I obeyed, a thing I did not understand until it came to pass months or years later. The counterfeit flatters you and sounds like your own wish; the Spirit hands you what you did not author and could not have known. But even that is not the final test — the final test is the one the videos rush past, because the Spirit’s speaking is never free-floating. It is *always tethered* — to Christ, and to the Word He already gave. Watch:

John 16:13-14, WEB · However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming. He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine, and will declare it to you.

“He will not speak from himself.” The Spirit’s whole ministry is to take what is Christ’s and hand it to you — not to add a new revelation beside Him. And what does He bring to your mind?

John 14:26, WEB · But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you.

He *reminds you of what Jesus already said*. That is the sound of the Spirit’s voice. Not a fresh sentence out of nowhere, but the living word of Christ brought home to your exact situation, with power. He also bears witness that you are God’s own — “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God” (Romans 8:16) — and He convicts you of sin (John 16:8). Assurance, conviction, and the words of Jesus made vivid. That is His voice. And every bit of it can be checked, because all of it points back to a Book you can open.

And Yet — When the Voice Is Unmistakable

All of that is the ordinary weather of the Christian life: a voice that mostly sounds like your own thoughts, that must be weighed slowly and held to the light of the Word. But it would be a lie to stop there, and the Bible does not stop there. There are hours — you may have had one — when the Lord makes a thing so clear that to doubt it would be the

dishonest thing. Not louder, necessarily. Just unmistakable. The book of Acts is full of these moments, and not one of them is the payoff of a technique:

Acts 13:2, WEB · As they served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for me, for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 8:29, WEB · The Spirit said to Philip, "Go near, and join yourself to this chariot."

Acts 16:9-10, WEB · A vision appeared to Paul in the night. There was a man of Macedonia standing, begging him, and saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go out to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the Gospel to them.

So do not let anyone talk you out of the clear ones. God is no less able to speak plainly today than He was on the Damascus road, and Isaiah promised exactly this kind of moment to the one who walks with Him: "your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it" (Isaiah 30:21). When it comes, you will not need a course to recognize it — the honest heart knows.

I have had one. Broken in body at three in the morning after weeks of work, I had barely lain down when the Father spoke — not the Spirit this time but the Father, in a weight that shook me on the inside — words I had done nothing to summon: *as if I do not love to hear your voice*. A fullness went through me and I wept. I tell it only because it was never mine alone; it is one witness among countless that God still speaks, and speaks love (1 John 4:19). But mark even this: it drove me straight to Him and straight into His Word — it never once pulled against either.

But notice the safeguard the videos rarely notice: every one of those unmistakable words in Acts pointed the very same direction the written Word already did. Not one sent a saint to do what Scripture forbids, or to exalt a smaller Christ, or to serve himself. The Spirit told Philip to run *toward* a man reading Isaiah — and Philip "preached Jesus to him." He sent Paul to *preach the Gospel*. This is the mark of the real thing: when God speaks with that piercing clarity, it never pulls against His Book or His Son — it drives you deeper into both. So receive the crystal-clear moment with joy; it is a gift, not a category that has outgrown the tests. The clearer it truly is, the more it will look like Him.

The Voice That Is Already Speaking

Now the central correction, offered as a gift, because the best of these teachers are standing one inch from it.

Listen to how they rank things. Nathan May says plainly that "the primary way that God speaks is through His word." Morgan calls the Bible "the primary way" too. And then — watch closely — the practice inverts the ranking. The word becomes the *filter*, and the impression becomes the *content*. You sit in silence, you receive the "download," and then you check it against Scripture to make sure it doesn't contradict. Scripture is demoted from the voice itself to a fence around the voice.

Here is the trouble with that, and it is fatal on its own terms: *non-contradiction can never confirm a word*. A hundred impressions can pass the test "it doesn't contradict the Bible" — and so can a hundred of your own good ideas, and a few of the enemy's best ones. Not contradicting Scripture is the floor, not the proof. It tells you a word is *permitted*; it never tells you the word is *from God*.

So let the ranking be true all the way down. The written Word is not merely the test of God's voice. **It is God's voice** — its fullest, clearest, most certain form. Peter, who had personally heard the Father speak audibly from heaven at the Transfiguration, said something staggering about it:

Second Peter 1:16-19, WEB · For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This voice we heard come out of heaven when we were with him in the holy mountain. We have the more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the day star arises in your hearts:

Read verse 19 again. Peter heard the audible voice of God with his own ears on the mountain — and he says we have something *more sure* than that memory: the prophetic word, the Scriptures. If the apostle rated the written Word above his own experience of God's audible voice, no impression of yours or mine gets to sit higher. This is the same Word Paul calls God's own breath:

Second Timothy 3:16-17, WEB · Every writing inspired by God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction which is in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

"Complete. Thoroughly equipped for every good work." Not "equipped, once you also learn to download impressions." The Book is enough to make you whole.

Do not mistake this for the worship of paper. The letter without the Spirit kills; it is the Spirit who gives life (2 Corinthians 3:6). The Word is the Spirit's own sword, and the same Spirit who breathed it out is the one who lifts it off the page and speaks it to you by name. So hearing God is never less than reading — it is reading with the Author in the room.

And this is exactly where two of these teachers get it gloriously right. Dr. Charles Stanley does not send you inward to empty your mind; he sends you *into the text* to read it as though God were speaking to you personally in it — because He is. Stanley's whole method for hearing God is to read a passage slowly and ask, "God, what are You saying to *me* here?" He will not build his life on a feeling:

I don't live by my feelings, I live by the truth, the truth of the Word of God.

— Charles Stanley, **Hearing God's Voice**

And he refuses to make you chase a mountaintop sign to get God's attention:

We will never see a burning bush as Moses saw it. We don't need to. We don't need a bush, we just need the cross.

— Charles Stanley, **Hearing God's Voice**

David Waldroup preaches the same note, and gives a whole sermon to this one thing — *hearing God's voice through Scripture* — setting the ranking as bluntly as it can be set:

Read the Bible for what it says, and when it offends you, know that you are the one that's wrong, not the Word. Your understanding is what was wrong, not the Word. Let us be people of the Book, not deceived or deceivers.

— David Waldroup, **God Speaks: Hearing God's Voice Through Scripture**

He is candid about the feelings the other videos chase, too — that most of the time the Word brings him no thrill at all, and that this was never the point: you do not read to feel, you read to be fed. That is the corrective from within the very set of videos we are weighing. Hearing God is, first and mostly, *reading God* — with the Spirit opening your eyes to the Christ on every page. The feeling may come or go; the Word remains, and the Word is the voice.

One practical thing follows, and it undoes a whole technique. Nathan teaches you to sit in silence and pray, "Mind, submit to my spirit," until the intrusive thoughts stop

and "one voice" is left. But biblical meditation never empties the mind — it *fills* it, with the Word:

Psalms 1:2-3, WEB · But his delight is in Yahweh's law; On his law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also does not wither. Whatever he does shall prosper.

Joshua 1:8, WEB · This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate thereon day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

An emptied mind is not a Christian goal; it is a vacancy, and Scripture warns about what fills a swept and empty room. A mind *full of the Word* is the goal. Jesus, in His own hour of testing, did not wait for an impression. He said, "It is written" — "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). The Word in His mouth was the sword in His hand.

How Do You Know It's God? That Is the Question

This chapter I have to write gently, because it touches the best-loved line in any of these videos, and it is exactly wrong.

Jamie Winship — a good man with a moving story — waves off the whole problem of discernment. Asked how he knows a leading is from God and not from himself, he says:

People are like, "How do you know it's God?" I'm like, "That's not going to ever be the question. The question is like, why won't you do it when you know it?"

— *Jamie Winship, He Learned How To Hear God's Voice... And You Can Too*

It lands like wisdom. It is a trap. Because "how do you know it's God?" is not a faithless question — it is a *commanded* one. God does not scold the one who tests; He scolds the one who doesn't. We have already heard the command: "test the spirits, whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1). Paul says it again, and holds the two truths together perfectly:

First Thessalonians 5:19-22, WEB · Don't quench the Spirit. Don't despise prophecies. Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Do not quench the Spirit — *and* test everything. There is no tension. The way you honor the Spirit is precisely by testing, keeping the good, and dropping the rest. And the noblest hearers in the New Testament are praised for doing exactly what Winship says is beside the point:

Acts 17:11, WEB · Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

They heard an *apostle* preach — and still went home to check him against the Book, and were called *noble* for it. So test. Here is how, positively — and here the best teachers actually help us. Vlad's grid for telling God's voice from your own and from the enemy's, and the old rule of thumb Lisa Osteen passes on to her church, are real gold:

The Holy Spirit steers you, Satan rushes you. The Holy Spirit leads you, but Satan pushes you. The Holy Spirit convicts you, Satan condemns you.

— *Lisa Osteen Comes, 6 Signs the Holy Spirit Is Leading You*

Bring all of it under three questions.

One — does it agree with the whole of Scripture, not merely fail to contradict it?

The Word is a two-edged sword precisely because it can cut between what feels spiritual and what is:

Hebrews 4:12, WEB · For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Two — does it exalt the true Christ? The Spirit glorifies Jesus (John 16:14); a voice that flatters you, or offers a warmer, smaller, more agreeable Jesus, is offering another one. Paul was fierce about this because the counterfeit is always so plausible:

Galatians 1:8, WEB · But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you any gospel other than that which we preached to you, let him be cursed.

There is a full open letter, [Another Jesus](#), tracing how every "other Jesus" — honored, admired, and quietly demoted — diverges from the one who actually saves; it is worth reading beside this test.

Three — what is the fruit and the character of it? Not the drama of it — the fruit:

Matthew 7:15-20, WEB · "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. By their fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree produces good fruit; but the corrupt tree produces evil fruit. A good tree can't produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit. Every tree that doesn't grow good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.

One caution belongs right here, because a favorite shortcut hides in it. Lisa Osteen, like several of the others, makes inner *peace* the deciding test — a lack of peace is "a no from God," a settled calm is the green light. Peace is a real gift and a real guide (Colossians 3:15), but it cannot be the final judge on its own: a liar can feel calm about his lie, and a saint can feel dread on the edge of obedience. Let peace confirm what the Word has already approved; never let it overrule the Book.

Now the hard word, and it must be said kindly. More than one of these teachers offers *success* as proof the voice was God. Nathan heard, "do a video every day," obeyed, and a video went viral and his following swelled — and he offers that as evidence. Ian was told "I'll tell you in ten days," and confirmation came on day nine — offered as fulfillment. But Scripture will not let a result be the final judge. Even a prediction that *comes true* is not enough on its own:

Deuteronomy 13:1-4, WEB · If there arise in the midst of you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them; you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams: for Yahweh your God proves you, to know whether you love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after Yahweh your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and cleave to him.

The sign came true — and God still says *do not listen*, because the test was never "did it work?" but "does it lead you to cleave to the LORD?" A voice that grows your platform is not thereby the voice of God. Fruit is not followers.

But be exact here, because it cuts both ways, and God does confirm true words by bringing them to pass. When a word has already passed the tests — it accords with the whole of Scripture, it exalts Christ, it bears good fruit — then its fulfillment, months or years on, is God setting His seal on what He said, and you were right to trust it. I have watched Him do it, waiting years to understand a word before I saw it land exactly. What Scripture forbids is the reverse: crowning a thing as God's *because* it came true, when it never passed the tests at all. Fulfillment seals a word that was already true; it can never rescue one that was false.

The Point Was Never the Hearing

Something beautiful happens near the end of the soundest of these videos: the teacher stops talking about hearing and starts talking about *obeying* — and the whole subject turns right-side up.

Pastor Vlad says it outright: "It's not hearing the voice that changes your life; it is obeying the voice that transforms your life." And Jamie Winship, whatever else, lands on the true root of the word:

Obedience is to hear and respond. That's the Hebrew, to hear and respond. That's what obedience is. You hear and you respond.

—*Jamie Winship*, **He Learned How To Hear God's Voice... And You Can Too**

He is right about the Hebrew. To *hear* God, in the Bible, is already to *do* what He says; a hearing that does not move the feet was never really hearing at all. This is the oldest lesson in the book:

First Samuel 15:22, WEB · Samuel said, Has Yahweh as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

James 1:22-25, WEB · But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror; for he sees himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues, not being a hearer who forgets but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.

And this is where I can hand Winship's own line back to him, redeemed. "Why won't you do it when you know it?" — yes. *Exactly*. Turn it toward the Word you already have. You do not lack a fresh whisper about ninety percent of God's will; you already know it, in black and white, and have not yet done it. Forgive your brother. Flee that sin. Tell the truth. Be reconciled. Give. Go. Jesus put His finger on the real bottleneck, and it was never a hearing problem:

Luke 6:46, WEB · "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do the things which I say?"

John 14:15, WEB · If you love me, keep my commandments.

Which is why the posture Vlad teaches is worth more than any technique: come surrendered, not with a script. He tells the old story of King Ahab, who kept four hundred prophets on hand to tell him what he wanted, and hated the one man who told him the truth. Most of our trouble hearing God is not that the signal is weak; it is that we have already decided what we want Him to say. Bring Him no script. Bring Him the only prayer that ever unlocks the voice: *Speak, LORD, for your servant hears* — and mean it, feet already turned to obey.

A Word for the Weary, and for Everyone Watching

Before the send-off, one word for the person these videos can quietly wound.

Jamie Morgan tells you, "please, please stop saying that you don't hear God's voice," as if the sentence itself were the sin. Vlad calls hearing God "premium Christianity" and being saved merely "basic." I understand the intent — they want to raise your expectation. But I have watched that message land on a tender believer like a verdict: *everyone else is having conversations with God, and I am getting silence, so something must be wrong with me*. Hear this plainly: **the quiet is not proof of your failure**. The Psalms are full of God's own people crying into the silence — "How long, Yahweh? Will you forget me forever?" (Psalm 13:1) — and their thirst was counted to them as faith, not sin. A believer who meets God mainly in the steady reading of the Word, and rarely in vivid impressions, is not a second-class Christian. He may be the wisest one in the room. God does not withhold Himself as punishment for saying the wrong sentence. And if the silence feels total, hear this: the voice is low, not absent — most who are sure they cannot hear it are only listening for thunder, when the Shepherd has been speaking all along, in the Book and in the quiet.

And here is the comfort under it all: if you are His, you already have His voice. It is bound between two covers, and He is at the door with it:

Revelation 3:20, WEB · Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me.

He is not far, and He is not silent. The sheep hear — and, better than hearing, they are *held*:

John 10:27-28, WEB · My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give eternal life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

So to you who made a video to help people hear God — thank you. The hunger you are feeding is real, and much of what you teach about stillness, expectation, and obedience is good. Take the one gift this study presses on you: lead them not first to their own impressions but to the Word the Spirit Himself always points back to, and you will never lead them wrong.

And to you who watched those videos, lying awake wanting to hear God tonight — do this, and you will have heard Him for certain. Open a Gospel. Read it slowly, the way Stanley says, asking not "what did this mean to them" but "Father, what are You saying to *me*." Ask the Spirit to make it live and to remind you of the words of Jesus. Then obey the very first thing that becomes clear, before you ask for anything more. You will not have felt a tingle or heard a boom. You will have done something far surer: you will have heard the living God speak, in the one voice that has never once deceived a soul who trusted it.

For in the end the Word is not a technique or a text. He is a Person, and He has already spoken the last and best thing God will ever say:

Hebrews 1:1-2, WEB · God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds.

Listen to Him.

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