## How to Hear from Jesus

Dan Kraft February 18, 2018 PM Service John 10:27-31, Matthew 6:7, Jeremiah 24:3, Amos 8:2, Zechariah 5:5-8, Acts 16:9, 1 John 4:1-6, Matthew 13:14-16, 1 John 4:13, Proverbs 4:20, 22, Psalm 107:20, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 5:16, Galatians 5:14, John 19:28-30, Psalm 69:21, Colossians 3:15

### It is normal for Christians to hear from Christ

It is actually abnormal for Christians not to hear from God

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

I and my Father are one.

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

It is amazing how religious people get angry at the truth.

### Don't just talk to God without listening for His response.

#### Matthew 6:7

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

### Communication goes both ways.

# How does God speak to us?

### Sometimes God gives impressions to more than one person.

### Sometimes through pictures

#### Jeremiah 24:3

Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

#### **Amos 8:2**

And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

### Sometimes through visions & dreams

#### Acts 16:9

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

### Sometimes through people

### Shift into prophesy or prayer as needed

## Sometimes through yourself

### Sometimes by spiritual ears

#### Matthew 13:14

And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

#### Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

#### Matthew 13:16

But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

# Sometimes by inward witness

#### 1 John 4:13

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

## Sometimes by the written word of God.

#### Proverbs 4:20

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

#### Proverbs 4:22

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

#### Psalm 107:20

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

#### Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

#### Galatians 5:14

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

#### John 19:28

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

#### John 19:29

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

#### John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

#### Psalm 69:21

They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

### Live life to fulfill God's plan.

### By peace.

#### Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.