

# Hearing God's Voice

## God's voice is:

- Aligned with the Bible. He will never contradict His Word.
- A reflection of His character and nature.
- True and trustworthy.
- Loving, kind, gracious, merciful, confirming, affirming and sometimes convicting.
- Never accusing or condemning. John 3:17 says, "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."
- Wise and speaks what is best for our lives.

**John 10:4 says that those of us who follow Jesus "know His voice." So you can be assured that God will communicate in a way you can discern.**

## Ways He speaks include:

- The Bible
- Impressions in our mind
- Through other believers
- Dreams and visions
- Circumstances and experiences
- A tangible sense of His presence like deep peace or "electricity"
- Promptings and "nudging" of the Spirit.

## Common barriers to hearing God's voice include:

- Unforgiveness
- Unbelief
- A sense of being undeserving of God's love
- Fears about how God views you and what He will say
- Unrepentant sin issues
- Biblical illiteracy—not knowing His nature and "voice"
- Anger with God
- Spiritual warfare.

The good news is God is more zealous to remove the barriers to talking with Him than we are. He loves us unconditionally.

**Psalm 117 says "His merciful kindness is great toward us." So we can come boldly to the throne of grace. We can come to Him no matter what we've done or what's happening in our lives. He is always there for us with our best interests at heart.**