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#### HEARING GOD Session 9 - "Recognizing the Voice of God" Chapter 8

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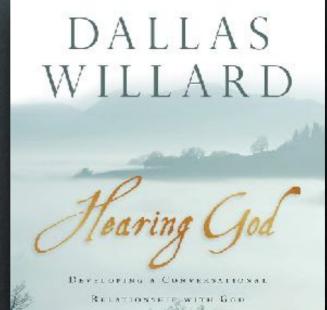
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#### **Session 8 Review**

An additional new kind of life is imparted in us by the word of Jesus Christ where His faith becomes our faith.

We set our will on this new life moving beyond communication and communion into union with Christ.



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"The shepherd of the sheep...calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...He goes ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice...I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:2-4, 14, 27

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When a word or thought comes to us, how do we know whether it is a word from God or not? (217) REVIEW Chapter 3

> "It all in the Bible" [unless it's not.] Many of life's circumstances are not dealt with in the Bible. (78)

> Only the Bible as a whole can be treated as the written Word of God. We must certainly go beyond, though never *around*, the words of the Bible to find out what God is speaking to us. (218)

#### **Voice Recognition**

**In Nature...** (218-219)

The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand. Isaiah 1:3

**In Experience...** (220-221)

"His anointing teaches you..." I John 2:7

Young Samuel - I Samuel 3:3-10

At first we must be told that God is speaking to us... to confidently distinguish and recognize His voice as His voice. That ability comes only with experience.



#### The Three Lights

• Circumstances • Holy Spirit Impressions • The Bible • First, the Holy Spirit works through Scriptures.

> "Without the present illumination of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God remains a dead letter." William Law, The Power of the Spirit, p. 61

Q: How do we recognize or authenticate God's Voice? A: Does it confess Jesus as Lord or Son of God?

Open or closed doors of circumstances cannot function independently of the other two lights. (224)

The three lights tend to be limited to guidance, not helping us understand the conversation. (225)



#### The Conditions of Responsible Judgment

Q — How are we to understand the role the "Three Lights" play in hearing God's voice?



(225 - 226)

**A#1** - Hearing God does not exclude our own judgment. We still make a responsible decision.

**A#2 -** God's directive word in conjunction with:

- Responsible study and meditation on the Bible
- Experience of Spirit movements in our heart
- Intelligent alertness to the circumstances



#### "W.A.T.C.H.\* & Pray"

Word Ask "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2

Lhink biblically with the mind of Jesus

Counsel

#### Happenings



"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." \* acrostic by Doug Webster Mark 14:38 God's voice usually does not come to us out of the blue. It enables us to do specific, concrete things that will help us as we seek to know the will of God.

When God speaks and we recognize the voice as His voice, we do so because our familiarity with that voice enables us to recognize it.

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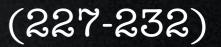
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#### **Three Factors in the Voice of God**

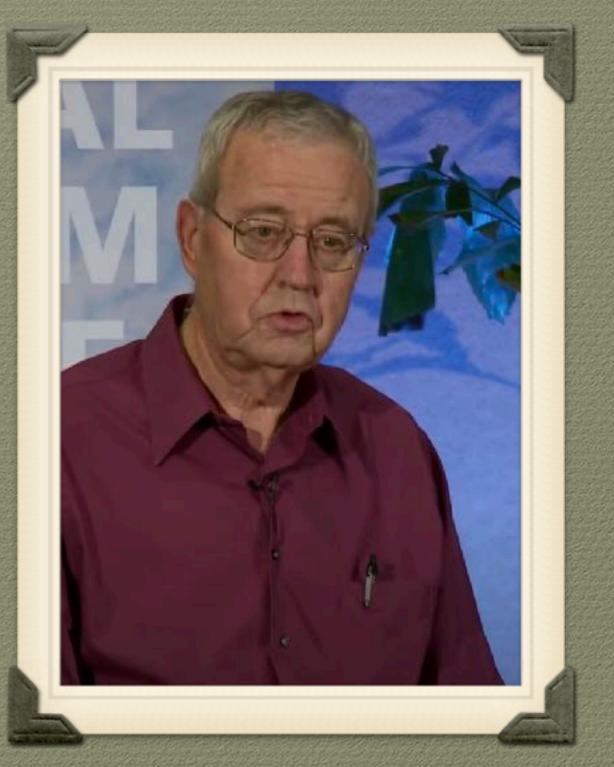
1st: Quality - Tones & Style The weight or impact, the power and authority. Matt. 7:29

2nd: Spirit - Attitudes & Personal Characteristics The sweet, calm spirit of Jesus James 3:17

**3rd: Content** *Biblical truth about God's nature & Kingdom* 



"My main work for God is that of a teacher. I have occasionally received insights that, while perhaps of little significance in themselves, were experienced by me as literally staggering." Dallas Willard Hearing God, p. 230



#### The Principles not the Panacea

The actions, spirit and explicit statements of Jesus.

The word of God does not come just to lead us out of trouble — though it sometimes does this - or to make sure we have it easy and everything goes our way.

And the voice of Satan, like God, usually comes to us through our thoughts and perceptions.

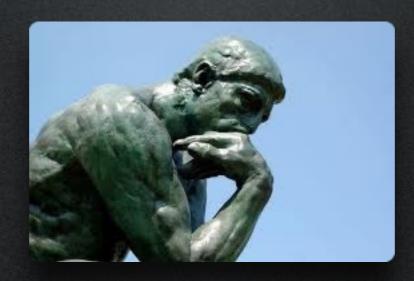
"But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." John 10:5



(234 - 236)

All of the words we are going to receive from God, no matter what may accompany them externally or internally, will ultimately pass through the form of our own thoughts and perceptions.

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#### Couldn't I still be mistaken?

Yes, of course you could be wrong. God does not intend to make us infallible by His conversational walk with Him. Infallibility in discerning the mind of God simply does not fit the human condition.



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#### The Centrality of the Bible (again)

Maintaining a close relationship with the Bible. (237)

God acts toward me in a distinctly personal manner. This is the common testimony. We stand within a "community of the spoken to". (239)

#### REVIEW Chapters 6 & 7 "The Bible in Redemption"

The word of God portrayed in the Bible is therefore available to every person through the Bible. (Ch. 6, 186)

The person who wishes to grow in grace (II Peter 3:18) is by far best advised to make a close and constant companion of *the book* – the Bible. (Ch. 7, 210)

#### Dallas Willard's Bible Matthew 5:10-6:27

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More of God speaking to me has come in conjunction with study and teaching of the Bible then with anything else. (238)

Four Practical Results of Hearing God for a Vibrant Life in the Kingdom of God 1. Direct daily access to God & His Kingdom for all believers 2. Confidence, comfort and peace - The Aaronic Blessing 3. Protection from mad religionists & legalism – Nicodemus 4. A quality of life like those in Scripture – Samuel & David (240 - 246)

#### "When we align ourselves with the Kingdom of Christ and come into the family of God, we become an outpost of that Kingdom." Dallas Willard

Hearing God, p. 240



What we have here are not mere impressions, impulses or feelings. Rather, we have specific and full cognitive or propositional content concerning what is the case, what is to be done and what will happen. (247)

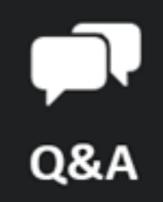
If God wants us to know something, He will be both able and willing to communicate it to us plainly, as long as we are open and prepared by our experience to hear and obey. (250)





#### Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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Meditation – Lectío Dívína #6 (247-249) I Chronicles 14:8-17

#### Application

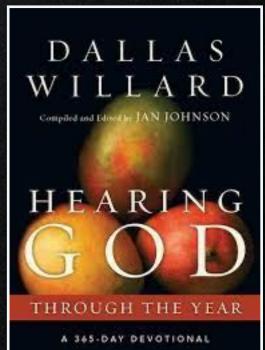
1.) What do I think about the three factors that help me recognize God's voice?

2.) How can my Bible reading be more "study, meditation, intelligent, alert"?

3.) Which of the practical Kingdom Living results am I seeking in my life right now?

Converse daily with God ->

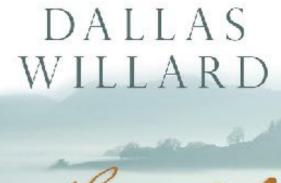




#### **Session 9 Summary**

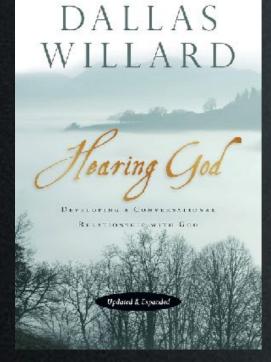
In recognizing the voice of God...

The essentials remain the distinctive quality, spirit and content that we have learned through experience to associate with the personal presence of God. (239)









### Final – Session 10

#### "A Life More Than Guidance" Chapter 10

How may we come to live confidently and sensibly with God as a conversational presence in our lives?

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## "Hearing God"



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Frank Laubach

Has diligently and devotedly completed in March, 2024, the Course

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Doug Webster

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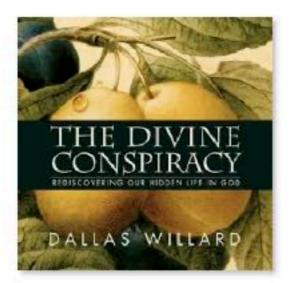
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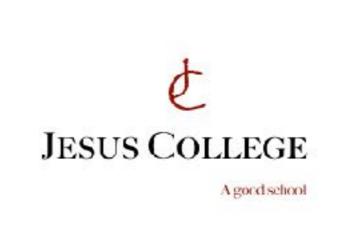


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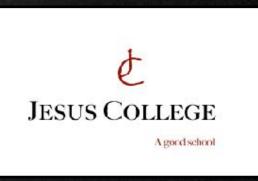
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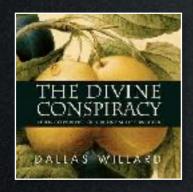
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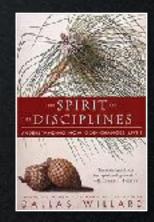
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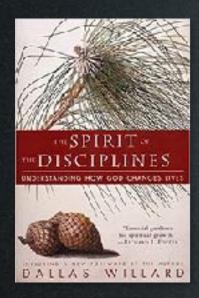
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Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel



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#2 — Renovare Institute 4 Sessions — St. Malo, Colorado — March, 2011

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Dallas move the idea of hearing God from the context of religion into the context of real life with a solid theological foundation. The life that God presents to us in the Bible includes the assumption that God will be speaking to us (Ps. 32, Is. 30), but many people can't identify God speaking to them or think that they don't deserve for Him to speak to them. Now you can learn how to develop a conversational relationship with Him.