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# November Development Guide

## SUBJECT: HOW TO HEAR GOD FOR OTHERS



### Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:1-4

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### Pastor Allen Hickman’s Believer’s Meeting teaching:

There is power when we hear the voice of God. When we hear God’s voice we receive three things:

1. Purpose
2. Healing
3. Identity

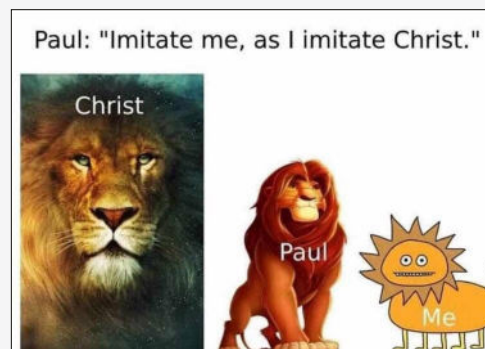
All of this is available to you as a believer! You are His sheep, and He is speaking to you!

**John 10:3-5** - *“The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”*

How do we hear God’s voice?

1. Through spending time with Him
2. Being in the Word of God
3. Positioning yourself to hear from God personally
4. Through others hearing from God for you through the prophetic

Pastor Allen then challenged us to do it for those around us. Was that difficult for anyone else? Did you feel a little bit like this meme?





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Why do you find it difficult to hear from God for others? When we pray for a prophetic word for someone else, often, we question if we are hearing from God and—worse—if we are hearing accurately.

Prophecy is a spiritual gift that Paul says he wished all would use.

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Did you catch that? New Testament prophecy is designed to strengthen, encourage, and comfort. An easy way to know if we are hearing from God is that simple check: Does it edify and uplift? Does it filter through the Gospel?

Remember that Jesus says, “Ask and it will be given to you” (Matthew 7). Prayer is a dialogue and God is always speaking.

Look at chapter nine in the book of Acts. Saul encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus and rather than sharing everything with Saul right there, God chose to speak to Ananias in order to use him to bring to completion what God had begun in Saul. Ananias knew he heard from God but was scared by what he was asked to share. But God affirmed His message, and because of Ananias’s obedience Saul was healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Through the prophetic word God gave to Ananias, Saul encountered the power of a living God and eventually became Paul, the greatest evangelist Christendom has ever seen.

**Acts 9:15** - *“But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.”*

You may not hear the audible voice of God for the person you are praying for, but maybe it’s more like an impression. Maybe you have a prompting. Maybe God brings a scripture to mind when you are talking with someone. Maybe God gives you an image.

You don’t know how He will speak to you, but know He is speaking and if you will step out in obedience, He will use you to bring breakthrough into someone’s life!

