

Prayer*

Lord, thank You that You still speak today.

Thank You for Your promise that I can hear Your voice.

Thank You that You love to speak to me and that You are always speaking.

Lord, continue to train me to hear Your voice,

to be sensitive to Your Spirit and how You are speaking to me.

Lord, by Your Spirit continue to create in me a hunger to hear Your voice and recognize when You speak.

In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Decree*

Hear I am, Lord!

I'm listening! I am available!

I decree in Jesus' name that I am positioned to hear,

and I decree that as I continue to encounter You and Your Heart

I begin to hear and see more clearly.

*Both taken from the end of Chapter 2

Listening to God—Week 3

Excerpts from Chapter 2A of 'The Prophetic Voice of God' by Lana Vanser

He's the God who 'leans in'. He's the God who 'bends down'.

He is the God who wants deep relationship with me and to teach me to live in that reality that is based simply upon what He speaks and His Word.

There is a biblical basis for the ways God speaks, but ever so gently the Lord began to show me that I could not strive to hear as someone else hears.

This is what I learned about the ways He can speak:

- He will always speak through his Word. He will never contradict Himself.
- He can appear before us like He did to Saul and Ananias in Acts 9.
- He can speak in an audible voice as He did to young Samuel in 1 Sam 3
- He speaks in the still small voice—an internal voice into our hearts and into our minds.
- The beauty of creation testifies to God Himself. Rom 1:19-20
- Visions and dreams. Numbers 12:6 Acts 22:17-18 (Paul's trance)
- He can speak through impressions or through a knowing. Nehemiah 7:5
- He also speaks through symbols, signs, newspaper headlines, movies, songs, circumstances and books.

The Holy Spirit began to train me in greater ways to hear His voice and know it was His voice in ways I wasn't used to. Life dramatically changed for me as my usual daily routine started getting interrupted by an internal whisper. It would stop me in my tracks and then floor me when the whisper was confirmed.

In this season, I was so hungry to hear from God that the thought boomed in my heart, 'What if it's God speaking?'

What are You dreaming about today, Jesus?

What do You want to say to me today?'

Listening Time

These 30 minutes are 'You and Him' time with Jesus.

If you are good at being still and listening, do that.

Otherwise read through some of these scripture quotations from Chapter 2, and if something tugs at your heart, spend time pondering that scripture.

Or do a bit of both, and repeat as often as needed. It might take many times to learn to slow down and be attentive to Jesus, so be expectant and patient.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand in time of trouble. Psalm 45(46):1

But what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us
while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

For what can be known about God is perfectly plain to them
since God Himself has made it plain.

Ever since God created the world His everlasting power and deity-however
invisible-have been there for the mind to see in the things He has made.

Romans 1:19-20a

God said, 'Listen now to My words: If any man among you is a prophet I
make Myself known to him in a vision, I speak to him in a dream. Not so
with My servant Moses: he is at home in My house. I speak with him face to
face, plainly and not in riddles, and he sees the form of God.' Numbers 12:6

Once, after I got back to Jerusalem, when I was praying in the Temple,
I fell into a trance and then I saw Him.

'Hurry,' He said, 'leave Jerusalem at once;
they will not accept the testimony you are giving about Me'.

Acts 22:17-18

Do not let a Word of His fall to the ground.

Record it, ponder it, ask Him to reveal more about it. Act on it.