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Keeping It Simple: Hearing God's Voice

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Key verses: Joel 2:28, John 10:27

In the story of Hannah (I Samuel 1:15; I Samuel 2:21) we find a woman desperate for a child from God. So desperate that she promised to return the child to God and His service for life. Hannah prayed to a listening God. As the story continues we find that Samuel grew up hearing God's voice at a very young age and continued in a prophetic ministry to Israel all his life. Samuel communed with a speaking God. This story illustrates quite clearly the difference between the current generation's prayer model and that of the coming generation's. Hearing God's voice and obeying is the core essence of operating in the "prophetic". Hearing God's voice is not only reserved for the ministry but is open to all who will get quiet in God's presence to listen as our speaking God breathes life and understanding into our spirits.

Simple ideas to help you train your spirit to hear God's voice:

- Know that God wants to speak from His spirit to yours...bypassing your natural ears and even your brain. That is why you can know things after being in His presence without it necessarily making sense to your natural mind.
- God speaks in a still, small voice. Do not expect Him to yell at you or nag you. You will have to be paying attention to be aware of His presence.
- Pick a quiet place to wait quietly for His voice. When you are praying, be sure to conclude or intersperse your prayer time with quiet moments, not just quick pauses.
- Pray the Bible...don't just worry out loud and call it prayer.
- Do whatever you feel is His instruction. As you begin consistently doing what He says,

He will speak more often to you in ways you will come to understand.

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