



The King's Voice

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Do you think being alone and silent is difficult in our culture? Why or why not?

What do you think the value of silence and solitude might be for your relationship with Jesus?

We live in a loud, loud world. Everywhere we turn, someone or something is trying to communicate to us. Someone or something is always trying to make their way into our minds. It's no wonder, then, that we struggle to hear the voice of God. God is speaking. But we will only hear His voice if we choose to quiet ourselves long enough to listen.

God speaks to us: through the Bible, the church community, prayer, and through His creation. Through which of these have you heard the voice of God before?

**God is also trying to communicate through our circumstances.
Do you find that to be true?**

Many of us live our lives without ever bothering to try to listen to the voice of God. We never acknowledge that God is with us in every circumstance, and we therefore never really try and engage to hear Him speak. God is not hiding Himself from us, and there are several places in Scripture that reveal important truths about the manner of His speaking.

READ [1 KINGS 19:11-13](#).

What do we learn about the voice of God from this passage?

If God speaks in a still and small voice, what is required of us in order to hear Him?

Elijah heard the voice of God, but he had to quiet himself and listen for it. For us to do the same, we must begin to integrate the disciplines of solitude and silence into our lives.

READ [MATTHEW 3:16-4:7](#).

How did Jesus' hearing the voice of God impact the way He dealt with the challenges in His way?

What is the point here for us? Why do we need to hear these words from God?

So much of our hurry, anxiety, and even pride is driven by our insecurity. Jesus was able to resist the temptation to prove Himself to Satan because He was secure in who He was. This security came through hearing the voice of God, and it can come to us when we believe the gospel.

PRAYER

Instead of speaking to close your group in prayer, spend a time of silence and encourage your group to simply sit and listen for God's voice.