

Let's Discuss...Prayer

PART 1_How Do You Hear God?



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Key Bible verses:

*Come close to God and He will
come close to you.*
James 4:8a NASB

*And after the earthquake a
fire; but the Lord was not in
the fire: and after the fire a still
small voice.*
1 Kings 19:12 KJV

...pray without ceasing...
1 Thessalonians 5:17 ESV

EPISODE SUMMARY

In this episode we talk about what it's like to learn how to hear from God. When reading the Bible, we see how God powerfully speaks to His people, but how does He speak to us? It isn't usually a loud or audible voice, like our friends and families talk to us.

We share some ways of thinking about it that have helped us learn to pray – like strengthening a muscle or getting closer to a radio. It can be hard to stick to a routine and pray consistently. Grace mentions that it can be difficult to pray for long periods of time, so she practices talking with God throughout the day.

LET'S DISCUSS...

- How does God speak to you? Is there anything you do that helps you hear His voice?
- Niki gives the example of tuning a radio to the right frequency and getting closer and closer to listen. How can we apply this to our personal prayer lives? What would help you tune into "God's frequency"?
- Do you find being still easy? What does it take for you to be able to pause and get rid of distractions in your mind?
- Why do you think God speaks with a "still small voice", like we see in 1 Kings 19:12? Wouldn't a loud booming one make things easier?

LET'S PRAY...

And the sheep recognize the voice of the true Shepherd, for he calls his own by name and leads them out, for they belong to him. And when he has brought out all his sheep, he walks ahead of them and they will follow him, for they are familiar with his voice.
John 10:3b-4 TPT

- God, the True Shepherd, loves you so much, He calls you by name. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you hear and tune into His voice. Pray that God's voice becomes familiar to you, so that no matter how far away or quiet you feel it may be, you always know the road to take that leads to Him.

LET'S GO DEEPER...

- *How to Pray* by Pete Greig [book]
- *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks* by Priscilla Shirer [book]
- *How to Recognize the Voice of God | 6 Ways God Speaks* by Melody Alisa [video]

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