

Let's Discuss...Prayer

PART 1_How Do You Hear God?



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Scriptures mentioned:

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 cultivate an ability to hear God, and how it isn't always this loud audible voice like our friends' or families'. We share some helpful analogies that have helped our prayer journeys – like strengthening a muscle or getting closer to a radio. Grace mentions how it can be difficult to pray for long periods of time, so she practices consistent conversations with God throughout the day.

Let's Discuss...

- How does God speak to you? Is there anything you do that helps you tune in to His voice?
- Niki gives the example of tuning a radio to hear the right frequency and getting closer and closer to listen. In what ways can we apply this to our personal prayer lives? How could you create space in your own life to tune into “God’s frequency”?
- Does stillness come easily to you? What practices help you to pause and to reduce distractions or mental clutter?
- Why do you think God speaks with a *still small voice*, as 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 deeply that He calls you by name. Today, ask the Holy Spirit to help you tune into His voice. Pray that God's voice becomes familiar to you, so that no matter how far away or quiet 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]
- *How to Hear God: A Simple Guide for Normal People* 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]
- *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World* by Paul E. Miller [book]
- Rich Villodas | *Prayer in a Hurried World* by Today's Conversation [podcast]