



SUPERNATURAL

Week 8 | Hearing the Voice of the Holy Spirit

| KEY THOUGHTS

- **The Holy Spirit speaks!**
 - The Holy Spirit speaks to disciples.
 - He also speaks to not-yet-believers. His message to them is to **turn away from self-leadership and put your faith in Jesus.**
- **The Holy Spirit will walk with you in real time**, like a sighted person who leads a blind person through unfamiliar territory, like a shepherd who leads his sheep.
- The Holy Spirit will ***always* glorify Jesus!**
- One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the Bible; through it, **the Spirit of truth guides us into all truth.**
 - He will never lead you to do anything that's in opposition to what the Bible says.
- **The Holy Spirit IS likely to lead you to deny yourself**, to battle against your own sinful desires; He can place within you a desire to trust Jesus more, or to give generously, or to sacrifice with no apparent return; He can give you boldness to share the gospel.
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to speak; **the ministry of disciples is to listen and obey, trusting Him.**
- Because Jesus heard and obeyed God perfectly, **we can now have a healthy relationship with God.** Because of Jesus's obedience and the Spirit within us, we can hear too, and we can obey.
- **The more you hear and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit, the more you'll hear Him speaking to you and see Him working through you.**

| SCRIPTURE

¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **John 16:12-15 (ESV)**

⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **John 16:8-11 (ESV)**

| PRACTICAL

- Three ways we can hear from the Holy Spirit:
 1. Through the Bible — the Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Bible and can help you understand what you read;
 2. Through other growing disciples — He can prompt them to do or say something that encourages you or gives you direction;
 3. Through prayer — instead of talking the whole time you pray, be quiet sometimes, and listen.
- Set aside time each day to listen for the Holy Spirit's voice. Write down the thoughts that come to mind when you pray.
- Realize every thought won't be from God, but even the ones that aren't can reveal what's in your heart. Commit all your thoughts to Him, repenting of sin or obeying His leading as the Spirit reveals it.

| REFLECT

- Have you ever heard the Holy Spirit speaking to you? If so, when was the last time it happened? How did you respond?
- If Jesus had told the disciples everything that was about to happen, would they have been able to handle it? Is that a reflection of the goodness of God?
- Although God knows all things, He only tells us what we need to know right now, revealing the rest as we need it. Can you trust Him in the things He has not yet revealed?

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