Hearing and Following the Still, Small Voice of the Holy Spirit

Living the Adventure



Seneca Rocks & Smoke Hole, WV

GPS=

God Provided

Spirit



- We believe in and practice hearing God's voice and obeying Him in life and ministry. We believe that Christians can hear God's voice speaking to them in many ways... our view [is] that God speaks today to His Church through many modalities such as <u>enlightened scripture</u>, visions, dreams, prophecy, <u>and His</u> <u>still, small voice.</u>
- We believe in and practice an informal, non-hyped "religious" lifestyle both personally and corporately. (Naturally supernatural)
- We believe in and practice being "charismatic," that is, inviting God to release the full range of His gifts to and through us via the gifts of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Barn Community Values

Jesus speaking about life and the Holy Spirit

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.



(John 7:37-38)

Jesus

speaking about life and the Holy Spirit

John 16:13

when he, the Spirit of truth, comes<u>, he</u> <u>will guide you into all the truth</u>. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 14:15-17

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another <u>advocate to help you and be with you</u> <u>forever— the Spirit of truth.</u>

John 16: 25-27

But <u>the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will</u> <u>send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind</u> <u>you of everything I have said to you.</u> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. One way the Holy Spirit speaks to us is through his written word: the Bible

- Bringing verses or passages or principles to mind
- Highlighting verses

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.



1 Kings 19:11-13

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came <u>a gentle whisper</u>. (a still, small voice) When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

The still, small voice

Still Small Voice

- sound of a gentle blowing.
- a voice, a soft whisper.
- there was a sound. Thin. Quiet.
- a quiet, subdued voice.
- there was a gentle breeze
- a soft gentle voice
- a whistling of a gentle air
- a quiet, gentle voice
- the sound of a low whisper
- a light silent sound
- a tiny whisper
- a sound of sheer silence
- there was a hissing of the wind, *as if softly breathing*; and there was the Lord
- there was *nothing but* the sound of a calm breeze. *And through this breeze* a *gentle, quiet* voice entered into Elijah's ears



The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and <u>the sheep listen to</u> <u>his voice</u>. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, <u>he goes on ahead of</u> <u>them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice</u>. John 10:3-4







Learning to hear the Holy Spirit Desire to know God

Prayerfully submit life choices to God before "hearing" experiences

Set aside time to hear his voice, persevering

EXPECT that God is loving and communicating from within you all the time

Take a course on hearing God's voice (quieting mind)

Coming to recognize his voice- know it's qualities

Have the preset to follow (obey)

Get confirmation from trusted others (Spouse/Pastors/mentors/prayer partners) on big decisions when possible

Look for unity in counsel

Receive prophetic ministry

The Holy Spirit in the Body of Christ

corporate meetings

1 Cor 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Cor 14:26-27 What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.

The Holy Spirit indwells you... the greatest resource you have- God himself



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Holy Spirit you are welcome here