



Hear from the Lord

One thing the Lord has taught me is learning to hear from Him in every situation. Many people hear God, but they do not hear from Him to be led in every situation. I do not practice this perfectly, but it is something I'm intentionally trying to do through the strength and help of the Holy Spirit.

One of the reasons I'm writing on this is because many of us act on what we heard yesterday about a specific situation and want to apply that same instruction in a similar or even in a different situation. Because of this, many of us end up missing God and following a default instruction rather than hearing from God. We must hear God.

You need to get to a place where you not only hear God for yourself but even more, you need to hear from Him and be led in a decision you make having heard from Him.

The answer to all questions and situations we will ever encounter is down to being led by the Holy Spirit or hearing from God. No one can just come up with an answer to every situation we will encounter. There is no **cheatsheet** for guidance in every situation. This could not work.

We are truly led on a one on one basis because we have a personal relationship with the Lord. We need to go back and listen for and from the Lord and follow His leading and direction for every situation we encounter.

Every move in your life and every step is about hearing God—not just the big ones. Hearing God is not just for the superduppers (men and women of God) such as ministers and preachers. God never intended to be heard only by preachers nor through only preachers.

One time I had to make a decision to sell a vehicle, but I also had to hear God to choose who to sell it to. It was not down to who paid the most or who paid more. It was about hearing the Lord. I called in the lady I decided not to sell to, and I explained to her my decision but also prayed for her and believed God that she would get something even better. Guess what? Within the next 24 hours she received the very vehicle she desired deep inside her heart. Both people were blessed by simply me hearing from God, One was blessed with the car I was selling and the other was blessed with a car I did not sell to her but allowed her the opportunity to get it by not selling her the one I had. It was heavenly how God worked all this out.

Your success as an individual is down to this one thing among many things—hearing God. You will not succeed if you do not hear God.

I always say that the number one quality of a leader is the ability to hear from and hear God. You MUST hear God. You will become **ten times** better if you hear God (Daniel 1:20).

If you are a believer and have a bible, you can hear God.

Again, it is one thing to hear God and it is another thing to obey what God is saying. What good does it do for you to hear God and not obey His voice. Soon you will become dull of hearing if you do not obey God. I heard God about coming to Uganda and I obeyed. If I did not hear God, I would not have gone. I could have played it safe or comfortable.

I ask God to speak to me—and He does.

Key points to this teaching:

- Hear from the Lord. This ought to be your way of life no matter what.
- Each situation requires you inquiring from the Lord. This is supposed to be done for all situations, not just the big ones. Many of us do things for big ones such as marriage, house purchase, career, investment, job, relocation, and so forth.
- Hearing from the Lord is not restricted to only preachers and ministers or the so-called super-dupers. It is for every child of God.
- When we hear from the Lord, it will not always be logical, but we must follow the Lord anyways. You don't determine what makes sense to God. When you hear from the Lord it may not make sense. Hearing from the Lord is going to be risky. Life itself is risky. The solution to not taking risk and playing it safe is to die.
- Go neutral before God, not with a preconceived or fixed position.
- The miracle is in the hearing and what, when, how and who you are hearing. What are you hearing, who are you hearing, and how are you hearing?

There is not the same answer to every situation. No size fits all. No cheat sheet. There is not an answer that is for every situation you face. What you heard in the situation yesterday doesn't become the answer for today's challenge. If the answer is the same, it must be fresh. Get a fresh word. The difference between a new Word (revelation) and a fresh Word is a fresh word is an "old word" that has a freshness in or on it. It is communicated anew from the Lord, and it bears new hallmarks and points that did not exist before. You can walk on water with just a word. Hear

from the Lord even with things that look obvious. Don't use the same approach just because it worked last time.

If you are a leader, you need to teach people to hear from the Lord. This is one of the biggest problems especially in Africa and other Third world countries. Men and women of God need to teach their flocks how to hear from the Lord. When you teach your people to hear from the Lord, it gives you rest as a leader. When people flock the man of God it means he or she hasn't taught them to hear from the Lord. It is your responsibility as a leader to teach your people to hear God for themselves. If you don't do that, it will keep you busy. Free up your schedule and free up your life by teaching the people you lead how to hear from the Lord. This is very critical.

The example of King David is a perfect example of hearing from the Lord. Hearing from the lord will make things easier. Hearing from the lord is how we need to live. It should be a lifestyle. You don't hear from the Lord accidentally. You have to intentionally to inquire from the Lord and hear from him. Hearing from the Lord is different from hearing God's voice. "And David heard from the Lord." You need to ask, Father, any new direction, any new fresh lead?

Hearing from the Lord positions you to get a word from the Lord. The Lord always has something to say in every situation. When you hear from the lord it is going to be consistent and persistent. John 2:5. "Whatsoever he says unto you, do it!" When you hear from the Lord, you follow through and do what he wants you to do. Success doesn't just come from hearing from the Lord but also doing exactly what he has told you to do.

It is encouraging to face a situation with a word from the Lord. Peter heard a word from the Lord. It was not a sentence. If John or other disciples had tried to walk on the same word that Christ had spoken to Peter, he (they) would have drowned immediately and sunk right away. Peter walked on water twice to and FRO because of the word he received. Matthew 15: Peter heard from Jesus to walk on water.

Don't just sow blindly even though it is a famine. You need a word from the Lord before you can sow. Gen 26:10-12. Hearing of the Lord caused Isaac to reap even in the time of famine. The word and the hearing caused him to reap 100-fold. You can't just copy and paste what someone does and expect the same results. Get your own word. Give us this day our daily bread. Daily bread. You need to hear the word daily. Not weekly bread. Not monthly bread. Not decade bread. Not a century bread. Even manna came on a daily basis. The manna for yesterday wasn't appropriate for today.

A word from the Lord will give you the boldness to face any circumstance, or disease. The difference between success and failure is one hearing from the Lord, and two, getting a word from the Lord.

Hearing the Lord is hearing His Word. When you read the word, it triggers you to hear from the Lord

David was known for inquiring of the Lord in his ways and the results he got each time he inquired of the Lord speak for themselves.

*“Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. 2 Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? 4 Then David inquired of the LORD yet again. **And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.**”*

—1 Samuel 23:1-4

- a) Here we see David cultivating a habit of inquiring of the Lord which is simply hearing from Him. David went to the Lord for input and direction. He wanted to be led by the Lord and it reaped benefits. When we inquire of the Lord, when we hear from Him, when we let Him lead us and give ear to Him, recognize Him and get to know Him, He will answer us, but we must bring Him in for us to get the help we need from Him.
 - i) After God told him to go and fight the Philistines, he went and spoke to his men and because they were afraid, they tried to talk him out of the leading of the Lord. This is a common thing that many people do. Some people will try to talk you out of what God has called you to do, but you need to stick with it and change not. Fear is one reason people try to talk us out of what God is leading or speaking to us to do.
 - ii) David went back and inquired of the Lord yet again. He did not just go with the advice of his men. He inquired of the Lord yet again. Of course, this was not necessary because God had spoken to him and told him to go. God was not going to change his instructions.
 - iii) Many of us do the same thing in some instances. We know what the Lord is telling us to do, but we try to talk ourselves out of it and go ad seek or try to hear again from Him hoping for a different answer. Well, God did not change His direction to David.
 - iv) If we choose to ask the Lord and hear from Him, we need to follow His guidance.
- b) Some people get more help than others because they bring God in, let Him lead them, listen for His voice, hear from Him before their decision making.

- c) We will experience victory and success to the degree that we let the Lord lead us by hearing from and inquiring of Him in our decision-making process.

*But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. 18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19 **And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.** 20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. 21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them. 22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 23 And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. 24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. 25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.*

—2 Samuel 5:17-22

- a) Here is another time where David went and inquired of the Lord. He heard from the Lord, and He spoke to him and gave him victory over the Philistines. Shortly after that, the enemy rose again. Guess what David did? He went and inquired of the Lord as before, but this time God gave him a totally different strategy from the one He had given him earlier on how to deal with the Philistines.
- i) The temptation here for David and all of us is to try to apply what worked yesterday for today's much needed victory without taking it before the Lord, hearing from Him, inquiring of Him and listening for His voice.
- b) When David went before the Lord, he got fresh direction/leading from the Lord. His hearing from Him saved his bacon. He received fresh direction from the Lord because He remembered Him, let Him lead him, listened for His voice, recognized Him, and gave ear to Him. Inquiring of the Lord caused David to win, and it will do the same for all of us. Lord, help me live this out more consistently.

And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. 8 And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

—1 Samuel 30:7-8

- a) Again, David inquired of the Lord and he received tremendous results. This will be true for us. When we hear from the Lord, listen for his voice, recognize Him, and let Him lead. Because He did this, he was able to not only defeat the enemy, he recovered all—not some, but ALL, and got addition through spoils (1 Samuel 30:19-20).

And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. 2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.

—2 Samuel 2:1-2

- a) Still on track, David inquired of the Lord if he should go up and live into the cities of Judah and God said to him “Go up.” David did not stop there. He asked the Lord where specifically and God replied “Hebron”. David could have lived in a hell of a city, but because he had the Lord, he not only received the general will of God which was to “go,” but also got the specific will which was Hebron.
- b) Shortly after David inquired of the Lord where to live specifically and the Lord said “Hebron.” David became king over the house of Judah while in Hebron and ruled for 7.5 years (2 Samuel 2:11). Would this have happened if he did not get a specific place was in another city? I do not think so. Possibly it could have taken longer.

“Notice that this was during the most difficult time of David’s life. He did not just do what he felt was good, but he went and asked the Lord. David was still God-dependent even during a time of stress, crisis, danger, and turmoil. We should learn the same lesson: not to act out of distress or pressure but go and hear from the Lord first before we take any steps forward. We need to develop a habit of inquiring of the Lord in our decision-making. David is a good example of this characteristic. Although he did not do it all of the time, there are times where he continually sought the Lord before making any major decision. For more examples of this, read 1 Samuel 23:2-4 and 1 Samuel 30:8.”

—King David and Other Kings, Life lessons for Today (Rich Kanyali)

Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. 3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

- a) Shortly after David had experienced success by inquiring of the Lord, he made a mistake that cost a man's life. Not hearing from the Lord could cost you a lot!
- b) David went to bring the ark of the Lord back to Jerusalem from the Philistines. This was a good thing, but David did not hear from or inquire of the Lord as he had done in the past. At least it is not mentioned of which I believe if he did, the Lord would have mentioned it.
 - i) He did not give ear to the Lord in this initiative, he did not listen for His voice, and he did not remember the Lord, nor did he recognize Him. He went and took the ark and placed it on a new cart because it was on an old cart which the Philistines had put it on. It was not the Lord who told David to make a new cart nor transport it on a cart. Again, this was not the leading of the Lord, but an idea of the Philistines that David followed blindly.
- c) **David was seeking the Lord in times of trouble but took for granted seeking the Lord in the area of serving Him.** We need to hear from and inquire of the Lord in all our ways—this includes times of trouble and when we are serving Him.
- d) *So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. 16 And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;*

—1 Chronicles 15:14-17

- i) The priests and the Levites were the ones to carry the ark upon their shoulders with the staves thereon. It was not to be on the cart or carried any other way by other people.

Application of hearing from God

1. Healing

Let us apply this to healing. If you had a sickness today and you defeated it with a certain approach that God gave you, but later got another or a similar issue come up, you will have to go and hear from the Lord as to which directions you ought to employ. You cannot just be taking the voice of God for granted and not seeking fresh revelation and direction from Him.

Example:

I heard a story about a man of God who had a heart attack two times. The first time he went to the Lord and the Lord spoke to him to exercise, take care of His physical body, and eat well but the second time he heard God tell him to have open-heart surgery. When he went back to church, he was criticized as some believed if you are in faith you should never see a doctor. You had to stay in the supernatural. In which one of the two situations was he operating in faith? Is it when he did not need to go to the doctor or is it the time when he went in and had heart surgery? **The answer is both!** Faith is not believing God to receive supernaturally nor is it just going to the doctor. **Faith is simply hearing and responding to God.** If we are not following His leading in that specific situation, we are not in faith. He came back and said, **“My doctrine is living! Praise the Lord. I’m more useful to God alive than dead.”** This is a powerful insight that I believe a lot of folks need to learn. Again, somethings might require natural healing while others may require supernatural healing. Simply put, we have to hear from Abba Father.

Matthew 9:29 *“Then touched He their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you.”*

In all things, we should encourage people to take time to seek the Lord, hear from Him, and follow His instructions for them in all areas. His instructions could vary based on the time, level of growth, what we have faith for, or the situation we are dealing with. He might use the gifts of the Spirit through a healing evangelist. He might tell you to go to the Word. He might tell you to go see a doctor or perhaps call elders for prayer. He might tell you to go to fellow believers. God will use all these means, and many others hence the need to hear from Him and be led in each situation.

Never attempt to act on the faith of others. What you are acting on must be real and genuine to you in your heart, not your head and not someone else’s. Is it real to you yet? Many people get in trouble trying to mimic another person’s actions birthed according to their own faith. We must operate in faith unfeigned (sincere and genuine—1 Timothy 1:5). You need to hear from the Lord.

When God shows you the means to receive your healing, you will be peaceful about taking that direction, even if it might look like you are not operating in this so-called “BIG” faith. The way God leads someone else is not necessarily the way He leads you. **Seek God for yourself and follow the instructions that He gives you.**

We should not be worried if we go to the doctor. The most important thing is to understand where your faith is and hear clearly what God is leading you to do. You must do

what He is telling you and never worry if some think you are unscriptural for not getting supernatural healing. There is no shame in going to the doctor to use a natural way. Going to the doctor or taking medicine does not violate your faith nor is it sin unless God specifically tells you not to do that and you do so anyway. If that's where your faith is and it's what God is leading you to do, then do it. God and medical doctors have the same goal. They are working towards the same result—the restoration of health to the sick.

True, one is better than the other, but it's all for the better cause of living. Since we are all at different levels of faith, we must stick to what we can handle at that time and keep moving on from there. Today, we might go to the doctor, but tomorrow, we might believe God for supernatural healing without the assistance of medical care. Act on what you have faith for and what you have heard from Him. Your faith as a minister cannot be a substitute for another person's faith. **People do not receive according to YOUR faith, but according to their faith.** When it comes to ministering healing to people, do not attribute your faith to them. Unless it is a special gift of healings in operation by the Spirit of God, the people we are ministering to will not receive healing according to our faith, but according to their own faith.

God always meets people where they are. Therefore, to become good representatives and ministers of the Lord, we must also meet people where they are in faith, not where we are. This is not to say that we should not encourage people to step out in faith, but we should never pressure them to step out and act according to our faith. **Our healing will be manifested according to our faith** (Matthew 9:29 and 8:13).

God can speak to you to do the following among many other things which is one reason you need to hear from Him.

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| a) Personal prayer | j) Physical sleep and rest |
| b) Cooperate prayer | k) Medication |
| c) As we praise and worship the Lord | l) Doctor |
| d) Laying on of hands | m) Surgery. |
| e) Anointing with oil | n) Casting care upon the Lord (1 Peter 5:7) |
| f) Gifts of the Spirit (Word of knowledge, word of wisdom, gifts of healing, working of miracles, etc.) | o) Taking your authority |
| g) Praying for others. | p) Speaking the word of God over yourself |
| h) Giving thanks to the Lord. | q) Renewing your mind (Studying God's word and getting revelation). |
| i) Change of diet, exercise | |

r) Change of lifestyle, spiritual rest (Hebrews 4:1-11), or even taking Holy Communion.

s) Creative miracle. Example: Lady who had no uterus. Had triplets! Creative miracle.

2. Finances

I do not care for debt, but everyone has to be led by God in their situation. Each person has to go to the Father for direction as He knows where they are.

I heard a man of God share how God told Him to purchase a building for his church. Immediately after sharing this leading, many told him he had to pay cash. When he went to hear from God, God told him to take on debt for \$50,000 and then believe him to pay that off and then do that again. He later paid off the church building in 3 years. If he had not heard from God, they could still be waiting to enter that building debt-free. He could not have paid that building off in three years if he not heard from God.

God primarily uses work as the main means by which He brings us increase. He promised that **He will bless the work of our hands** (Deuteronomy 28:12) and promised that whatsoever we touch will prosper. Although that is true, this is not the only way that God blesses or can us. If we encounter a financial challenge, we need to hear from Him on what to do. We cannot just rely on our job as the only voice we hear from the Lord.

He uses our boss to bless us, but our boss is not our source. We should always remember this. By looking only to our bosses, we limit God to meet our needs any other way.

There was a time I was believing God for financial provision, and I got upset when I did not get this support from the friends and family I was expecting God to bless me through. I did not hear from God. I thought that because God had blessed me in the past thought them, he would use the very same people to bless me and when it did not happen, I was very disappointed. God spoke to someone else who I least expected and they came to my rescue.

God then spoke this to me, and it forever changed my life. He said, "If you are angry and mad at someone for not coming through for you or not do as they had promised, you do not have God as your source because if you did, you would not be angry, upset, or disappointed."

- a) God can use a friend
- b) Friend's friend
- c) Stranger, brother, sister, or any family member
- d) An enemy— 2 Kings 7. People or means you least expect.
- e) Boss

- f) Colleague
- g) IRS: One time I received a big check from the IRS as I was believing God for financial provision.
- h) Bonus
- i) Pay raise

- j) Checks in the mail
- k) Rebates
- l) Refunds

- m) An inheritance or another's will.
- n) Discounts.

God has infinite ways to bring us direction and we need to hear from Him in every situation we encounter.

3. Where is your trust?

Our trust ought to be in the Lord. Not in exercise, doctors, firearms, insurance. Do not depend on the natural. We can use all these things, but we should not have our faith and trust in them but strictly in the Lord.

a) Psalm 20:7 *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

- i) Psalm 33:16 *There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.*
- ii) Psalm 33:17 *A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.*
- iii) Proverbs 21:31 *The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.*
- iv) Isaiah 31:1 *Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!*

b) As we go to the doctor or do natural things or believe for supernatural intervention, we have to maintain our faith in the Lord. We can use all the natural means, but two things have to be understood.

- i) We need to hear from God
- ii) We can't put our trust in the means we are using.

4. Hearing God through a leader or one in authority

a) I have heard some people say that for me to do such and such I have to hear God. That is true and I agree with it as an individual initiative that does not involve any other person especially their leader.

b) If it involves other people who are leaders over you, you do not have to hear the Lord individually in a certain thing they are spearheading.

- i) Sounds like heresy, right? Stay with me.
 - ii) **You can hear the Lord through the leaders and the direction they are setting—of course, if it is godly.**
- c) Submitting and following leadership and directions from those in leadership over us or those in authority is also a **way God speaks to us.**
- i) Depending on the leader, we need to know and trust that he or she hears the voice of God and because we trust in them hearing God’s voice, **we can follow their lead even if we did not hear from the Lord directly.**
 - ii) Example: When a directive comes down from my superiors or bosses even though I have not heard from the Lord directly concerning their instruction or what they want to be done, because I trust and know that they do hear His voice, I align myself with what they have heard and support it because I trust in their ability to hear the Lord and to lead.

I’m thinking of two times specifically. There was a time where Andrew Wommack had a staff meeting in Woodland Park and shared with us what he wanted us to focus on that year. He said we need to focus on, “What is in your hands.” Guess what? God had not spoken to me about this personally. Did I rebel? Of course not. I knew that Andrew heard from the Lord, and I also know that he hears from the Lord and all I had to do is align myself and agree with his directive although I had not heard from the Lord myself on the same directive. However, I believe I heard the Lord, how? Through Andrew. When he did and shared with me, I agreed and through him I heard the Lord.

Even more there was another time where my senior pastor Rick McFarland called a meeting for all his team and said the Lord had asked him for us to focus on praying in the Spirit that year. Guess what? The Lord had not spoken that to me. Did I rebel? Of course not! I know Pastor Rick hears the Lord and although I have not heard from the Lord directly, I have heard from the Lord through the leadership that He has put in place.

- **Although I have not personally heard the Lord directly in this instance, I have heard the Lord through them.**
- Of course, this ought to be in line with God's Word, not some kind of blind following. This is not to be a substitute for hearing God for ourselves. There are certain instances in which we have to hear God for ourselves, and no one should do so for us, but under certain situations, we can do what I have just mentioned above hearing God through a leader that we know, and trust hears God.
- d) For example, I have not heard God specifically on certain initiatives and directions that come down from my leaders and superiors, but I trust that they hear God and I get on board and support what they have heard from the Lord. This is a step of faith.
 - i) I believe some of us miss hearing God because we are waiting to hear directly from Him (which we should), but little do we know that sometimes in certain situations God speaks through leaders and we can hear Him indirectly through the leaders and the direction they are communicating.
 - ii) God speaks to us directly and sometimes indirectly through a structure, system, leader, or leadership in place which fosters unity in a group and a team.
- e) *Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:*
 - i) When God called Abram, there is no record that He called Sarah or that He spoke to Sarah the way He spoke to her husband, but Sarah followed Abraham and did not stay home. This further proves that we can follow an individual especially a leader over us who know and believe hears and has heard God even if we have not directly heard God.

5. God speaks through silence

I have learned by experience that God speaks through silence. Many times, we want God to speak verbally yet He is already speaking when He is not speaking. I have seen this as a father. Sometimes I speak to my kids without vocally speaking and my kids understand what I'm saying even if I never said a word. If we are wanting to hear the Lord and there is silence, it could be that God is speaking to us.

6. In conclusion:

- a) God always wants to lead and direct His children, but He doesn't always do it in the same way or speak the same thing. We need to hear Him.
 - i) We need to continually be in tune with the Lord to be led in every situation.
 - ii) We should avoid being so used to just one instruction that God used before to speak to us or lead us.
 - iii) God can and will give us different instructions and directions at times, but we need to be in tune hearing from Him.

- b) Be open and hear from Him to lead you. There is not an absolute instruction or direction that you need to do in every situation which is why we need to hear from Him for direction for every situation we encounter. There is no one size fits all in hearing from God. There is not a book that will tell you the direction God would have you take in each situation you encounter. You need to go to the Lord for that regardless of how many times that can take.