

hearing the Voice of God

Scripture

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Voice trivia ...

1. The speed (words per minute) of the fastest talker in the world:
 - 637
2. The number of words in the English language:
 - 1,025,110
3. The average maximum duration to sustain a sound:
 - 15 seconds

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Six ways to hear ...

- “Hearing the voice of God through _____” looks like ...
- “Hearing the voice of God through _____” can be developed by ...
 - Circumstances
 - Prayer
 - Scripture
 - The Spirit
 - Dreams and Visions
 - Community

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What is Scripture (the Bible)?

Historical (Luke 1:1-4)

Literary (2 Peter 3:15-16)

Spiritual (Hebrews 4:12)

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Looks like ...

1. Careful study

- “What has God said?”
- Hearing the voice of God as timeless truth

2. Devotional reading

- “What might God be communicating to me?”
- Hearing the voice of God in my personal situation

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1. Careful study

As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Acts 17:10-12

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1. Careful study

Never read a verse of the Bible.

The text cannot mean today what it could not have meant then.

Become slow readers of the text.

**Careful study reveals
the timeless voice of God**



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2. Devotional reading

Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he (Jesus) explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself ... then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:27,31-32

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2. Devotional reading

This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people ... and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you, declares the LORD.

2 Kings 22:18-19

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2. Devotional reading

Experience a deeper awareness of God or self.

Scripture is directional not disposable.

Become slow listeners of the text.

**Devotional reading results in
worship and/or obedience**



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Listen slowly ...

words | images | ideas

encouragement | challenge

God | me | my situation

Write it down ...