

WHEN GOD SPEAKS

Psalms 32:8, I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life's LB

When God instructs He must speak for much instruction that we learned has come from someone else who spoke to us and gave us instructions. Whether it be a parent, Sunday school teacher or teacher in School. God is the same way. When He instructs He also speaks. Failure to realize this will result in a difficult life at best. To learn to listen to God is not the easiest thing in life, for we live in world where millions of people are not bent on listening to God therefore, they can't tell you how God speaks. But God is waiting for people to listen to His voice. While the ways in which God speaks may vary. He can speak through His Word, through others, through his Holy Spirit or through circumstances. There is a striking similarity regardless of the way God speaks. Whether God speaks through His word or through others, I have noticed some truths that remain the same.

First, when God speaks you will know that what He said was for you. When God speaks through others, you may hear their voice tone, but the message is that of God, and it will sink deep into your heart. As a matter of fact, it will sink so deep that even through the passage of time you will not forget it. Second, the surest ways you can tell God's voice is that it is unforgettable. As human beings we have to try to remember things on a daily, week, or monthly basis, yet God's message will remain crystal clear through the passage of time. For example, I recall God speaking to me through a friend of mine some years ago. While millions of thoughts have gone through my mind, I have never forgotten God's message through this friend of mine. When God speaks, He is not in the business of letting you forget what He said. This same truth holds true when God speaks through the Bible. As you hear the Bible, read or are reading the Bible yourself, you will know when God speaks, and you cannot forget what you read. As a matter of fact you will return and reread the passage over and over again because there is something different about that passage this time around. The difference is, God is speaking in a powerful way through that verse of Scripture. When God speaks through a verse of Scripture, that verse in a sense will leap off the pages so to speak and into your heart. Whether it is one word, two words, an entire verse or passage, the same holds true. Once you close the Bible your mind will be riveted on that verse. The God of the Bible is so gracious that He cannot let us forget when He has said something. After all, He is the One who has made our minds and knows how our mind work.

Third, God will bring confirmation over and over again. Whether God speaks through His Word or through others, He will bring confirmation over and over to let us know absolutely for sure He has spoken. It may happen this way. He may speak through His Word and bring confirmation through another passage or others, or He may speak through circumstances and bring confirmation through His Word. Fourth, what God says will become a living reality. The fact that God has spoken will be confirmed by the fact that His Word becomes an actuality. For example, God promised Joseph that he was going to become a ruler- and he did. God told David he would become king- and he did. God told Mary she would have the Christ child- and she did. Regardless of how ridiculous God's word may sound to our human mind. It will become a living reality and actuality.