

Lesson Three

Hearing the Voice of God

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

John 10:27

Purpose of This Lesson

Hearing the voice of God is not reserved for a few believers with special callings. It is the birthright of every follower of Jesus. This chapter is designed to help you slow down, recognize how God speaks, and grow in confidence as you listen and respond to Him. The prophetic life begins with hearing. Before we see clearly or speak boldly, we must learn to listen faithfully.

This workbook chapter will help you identify barriers to hearing God, recognize the ways He already speaks to you, and practice creating space for His voice in daily life. There is no pressure to perform. Growth comes through intimacy, obedience, and practice.

Key Truths to Remember

God is always speaking.

Hearing requires intentional stillness.

God’s voice always aligns with Scripture and His character.

Hearing leads to obedience, not just information.

Activation One

Creating Space to Hear God

Set aside at least ten uninterrupted minutes this week. Choose a quiet place with minimal distractions. Begin by asking the Holy Spirit to quiet your heart and focus your thoughts. Read **John 10:27** slowly. Do not rush.

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Sit in silence afterward and simply listen. Do not force words, images, or impressions. Pay attention to what gently rises in your spirit.

Afterward, write down anything you sensed, whether it was a Scripture, a word, a feeling, or simply peace.

What did you notice during this time of listening?

Activation Two

Recognizing God's Voice

God often speaks more simply than we expect. He may speak through Scripture, an inner witness, peace, conviction, or a quiet prompting. This activation helps you discern what hearing God feels like for you.

Think about a recent moment when you felt guided, warned, encouraged, or convicted in a way that aligned with Scripture.

How did God communicate with you in that moment?

What fruit did that lead produce in your life?

Activation Three

Removing Barriers to Hearing

Hearing God clearly often requires removing distractions. Noise, busyness, fear, unrepentant sin, unbelief, or emotional overwhelm can dull spiritual hearing. This is not a condemnation. It is an invitation.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one barrier that may be affecting your ability to hear Him clearly.

What is one barrier the Holy Spirit is highlighting for you?

What step of surrender or obedience is He inviting you to take?

Prayer of Listening

Heavenly Father, I come before You with an open heart and a willing spirit. Thank You that You speak to Your children and desire a relationship with me. Quiet every distraction that competes for my attention. Cleanse my heart, align my thoughts, and soften my spirit. Teach me to recognize Your voice, trust Your leading, and respond with obedience. I choose to listen, follow, and walk closely with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Reflection and Activation for This Week

When do I find it easiest to hear God, and what can I do to create more of that space?

What distractions most often compete for my attention when God is trying to speak?

How does hearing God change the way I make decisions and respond to others?

What is one act of obedience I will commit to this week in response to what God has already spoken?

Group Encouragement

If you are working through this workbook in a group, take time to share what you are comfortable sharing. There is no pressure to sound prophetic or impressive. Celebrate obedience, honesty, and growth. Pray for one another to grow in confidence, clarity, and humility as you learn to hear the Shepherd together.