

**GOD WANTS TO TALK TO YOU**  
**How God Talks To You**  
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*“God speaks in different ways, but we don't always recognize His voice.” Job 33:14 (CEV)*

**SIX OF THE WAYS GOD SPEAKS**

**1. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH The Bible**

*“Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.” 2 Timothy 3:16 (CEV)*

*“Your Word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.”  
Psalms 119:105 (TEV)*

**2. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH Gifted Teachers**

*“Christ gifted some of us to be apostles, prophets, missionaries, pastors, and teachers, so that His people would learn to serve and His body would grow strong.”  
Ephesians 4:11-12 (CEV)*

*“God in His kindness gave each of us different gifts. If your gift is speaking God's word, make sure what you say agrees with the faith.” Romans 12:6 (GW)*

*“We do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths to those who have the Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 2:13 (TEV)*

**3. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH Godly Friends and Family**

*“The godly give wise advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray.”*

*Proverbs 12:26 (NLT)*

*“Stupid people always think they are right. Wise people listen to advice.”  
(TEV) Proverbs 12:15*

*“Wounds from a friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.” Proverbs 27:6 (NLT)*

**4. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH Impressions or Ideas**

*“The Holy Spirit... will be your teacher and will bring to your mind all I have said to you.” John 14:26 (Ph)*

*“The Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our heart and tells us that we are God's children.” Romans 8:16 (NLT)*

*“God speaks again and again, in dreams, in visions of the night... as they lie on their beds. He opens their ears in times like that and gives them wisdom and instruction, causing them to change their minds, and keeping them from pride... and from falling into some trap.”  
Job 33:14-17 (LB)*

Always test impressions by the Bible!  
God never contradicts what He's already said.

**5. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH Pain**

*“Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.”  
Proverbs 20:30 (GN)*

*“The suffering You sent was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to Your principles.” Psalms 119:71 (NLT)*

**6. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH Silence**

*“Saul prayed to God, but God didn't answer—neither by dream nor by sign nor by prophet.” 1 Samuel 28:6 (Mes)*

*“If God is silent, what's that to you? If He turns His face away, what can you do about it? But whether silent or hidden, He's there, ruling.” Job 34:29 (Mes)*

*“I want you to trust Me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give Me glory.” Psalms 50:14 (LB)*