

There is nothing as powerful yet gentler than God's voice. Even a whisper from the rock of ages can move an entire nation toward repentance. When God speaks, it is a very important moment. We need to listen carefully to his eternal words. We see throughout the Bible, God speaking to His people. However, some in His church today have difficulty hearing His voice. This creates a great problem. How can we serve Him without hearing Him?

It is important to understand the ways that God speaks to us in this time: through prayer, circumstances and the church. However, these must align with God's Word – The Bible.

Although God may speak to us by any means He chooses, it is always by the Holy Spirit that we can hear Him. When God chooses to speak to you, He will use your prayer, a circumstance or your church to tell you. However, if you get a word through prayer, circumstances, or the church, you must ensure it is aligned with His will by going back to His written Word. If it contradicts, then it is not a word from God. There may be a circumstance that makes a choice clear. However it *must* parallel the character of God seen in the Bible. For example, when God places you in a body of believers, he places you there for a reason. If your church needed to move to a new location further from your home, the circumstance here might lead you to believe that you should start looking for a new church. The Bible makes it clear that the body is made up of many parts that function as one. You may be damaging the fellowship and functionality of that body of believers by leaving. So what is the character of God based on the Bible and how would that affect what you might do in this situation?

We can't rely on only circumstances, our fellow believers (church) or prayer. As believers, we need to make sure that these align with God's will before we make up our own thoughts of what God said to us.