**Greater Intimacy with God - Lesson 4 (Part 2)**

People often say, “There are times when I don’t know if I am hearing from God or if I’m conjuring up thoughts on my own.” Or, “I will ask God certain things and while in prayer, I don’t know if I’m hearing God’s voice or if Satan is actually involved.” Or, “How do I know if my own conscience is speaking?” Or, “I will read God’s Word and talk with Him about something, and how do I know for sure that the thoughts that may come to my mind are actually from Him, or from my own flesh?” Or, “When I read my Bible, is that God’s only means of speaking to me, or are there others ways He speaks?”

Every one of those questions are questions we’ve all probably asked and they are valid questions. We want to know for sure how to identify God’s voice over our own, over the world’s voice and over Satan’s. Why is this discernment so important if we are going to experience intimacy with God? It’s because WHO is doing the talking is critical if we are going to listen accurately.

Jesus said in John 10:27 that a Christian’s normal experience of intimacy with the Father is to hear Him accurately.

**Read John 10:27**

Charles Stanley has said, *“If we as believers walk in the Spirit, understand the meaning of the Cross, and allow the Holy Spirit to fill us and live His life through us, then it should be easy for us to distinguish whether the voice we hear is of God, the flesh, or the devil. The natural walk of Spirit-filled committed believers is such that when God speaks, we can identify His voice.”*

The Amplified Study Bible reads John 10:27 this way -

***“The sheep that are My own hear My voice and listen to Me; I know them, and they follow Me.”***

They not only hear, but to *listen - listen* means to *understand* to the point of *obedience*. This is why Jesus also said, “they follow Me.”

This level of identifying HIs Voice so naturally happens when we spend time with God in His Word to get to know Him, and when we pray and dialogue with Him as we read His holy Scriptures.

**When you open your Bible, what is something you hope to experience? Think about this for a moment. Then write down in words, not sentences, what you hope to experience while reading in your Bible.**

As read the Word of God, we get to know the God of the Bible. We know His voice through the written Voice of His found only in Scripture. And the more we read, the more we know His voice. The more we obey, the more clearer His Voice becomes. Also, the intimacy with God in His Word is to equip us to recognize a voice that is not His own. Intimacy enables us to recognize when something came from the flesh and we recognize when something is heard straight from Satan himself. This keen awareness in knowing the Shepherd’s Voice is meant for us to exercise in our walk in the Spirit day after day, and on our own. God longs for His children to know the sound and the substance of His Voice personally and intimately.

**So, let’s look at some guidelines in Scripture that will help us distinguish between God’s Voice and other influences.**

**1. Consistent with the Word of God**

The Voice of God will never contradict the Word of God.

(Go ahead and underline the word *never* in the sentence you just read.)

That is the truest statement about hearing and receiving the Voice of God we will ever declare.

The Voice of God will never contradict the Word of God. That also sets the foundation to how we get to experience intimacy with God because it is through His Word that we can even have an intimate fellowship with Him.

But first, let’s settle this one question: “Can we truly comprehend the Voice of God?” The answer is YES! Because of this reason - as born again believers, we have been given the mind of Jesus Christ.

**Read 1 Corinthians 2:16**

**The Amplified Study Bible says it like this:**

**“For who has known the mind and purposes of the Lord, so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ [to be guided by His thoughts and purposes].”**

With the mind of Christ, we are to be guided by His thoughts and purposes. That guidance comes to us as the Voice of God. This is why it is so important that as we walk in the Spirit, we feast on the Word. We read it daily, meditate on His Word throughout our day, and enjoy the pages of His nature from Genesis to Revelation. We get to know that precious and powerful Voice of our Father as we sit and listen to Him in our Bibles. If we neglect the Word of God and we don’t allow it’s truths and it’s principles to make their way into the fibers, marrow and cells of our whole lives, then when Satan comes and even whispers a word to us, we are more easily deceived.

Bottom line: The more we are in God’s Word and growing in our knowledge of Him, then the more we recognize His Voice.

Another bottom line: the Voice of our Father will never violate Scripture, so if what you are hearing is not consistent with what you read in your Bible, then the voice (or the thoughts in your mind) is another voice - either of Satan and his demonic influences, or it is the voice of your own flesh that has not yet been crucified; it is a part of you that needs to be broken and placed under the Lordship of Christ. The flesh is to be viewed as dead if we are going to experience greater intimacy with God. (We will talk more about the flesh in another portion of our study, Lesson 5, on “Loving the Lord Our God With All Our Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength.)

But let’s ask this ….

**What is our flesh, according to Scripture? Take a moment to write a definition for the word “flesh” as to how it’s used in our Bible**.

The flesh equates to affections and desires that run contrary to God in every area of life. The sin nature is often referred to as the “flesh” in Scripture— sinful desires that oppose God and seek gratification. These fleshy desires can be anything from sexual lusts to stirring up strife.

Pastor Mark Bubek defines the flesh this way: “The flesh is a built-in law of failure, making it impossible for natural man to please or serve God. It is a compulsive inner force inherited from man’s fall, which expresses itself in general and specific rebellion against God and His righteousness.”

When the flesh is speaking, and yes, it has its own voice, it will speak against the wisdom, against the nature, and against the ways of God. The flesh can sound like this:

Jesus says when someone strikes you on the one cheek, turn to them the other.

The flesh says when someone strikes you on the cheek, strike them back.

Jesus says we are to love our enemies.

The flesh says we are to dislike our enemies and only love those who love us.

Jesus says to forgive as we have been forgiven.

The flesh says we are to keep record of wrongs.

Susanna Wesley, mother to the great preachers and hymn writers John and Charles Wesley, described sin and the flesh this way: *"Whatever weakens your reasoning, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes away your relish for spiritual things, in short—if anything increases the authority and the power of the flesh over the Spirit, that to you becomes sin however good it is in itself.”*

One of the goals of the Christian life is the victory of the Spirit over the flesh and a change of life. A radical change. The flesh wages war against the new nature in a believer; the new nature is the presence of the Holy Spirit. Although the struggle will be very real (which the Bible makes clear), Christians have assurance from God that He will bring them success over the flesh.

*"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).*

**Are you confident? Are you confident that God will perfect what He began in you? Or do you feel that your past has changed all that? What would your life begin to look like if you listened and believed the Voice of God when He tells you, “Be confident of this, that I will perfect the good work I began in you, until the day of Christ Jesus.”**

Write what you honestly are thinking and believing about that. He knows and He deeply cares about what you think and feel and believe, but be sure to be honest with Him. Do you believe confidently that nothing you’ve done and nothing you will ever do will stop God from perfecting the good work He began IN you from the moment He knew you? Jeremiah 1:5 said He knew you intimately before you were even born, and not only knew you but He approved of you as one of His chosen (wanted) instruments….someone He could trust to be used by Him in advancing His Kingdom.

**“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], And before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own];**

Let that verse in Jeremiah 1:5 have time to settle in your heart. Rest in it. And then I want you to read it with your name in the verse. But first, smile. This may sound strange to say that, but please put a smile on your face and read Jeremiah 1:5 over and over until you begin to see and believe just how valuable you are to your Father.

Overcoming our flesh is so very important if we are going to experience growing and greater intimacy with God. We all must take this very seriously because we all have a flesh that Satan wants to feed daily, and please understand this - he aims his wearing down tactics at your flesh every single day. To weaken the sensitivity to the Spirit with the noise and clamor of our own flesh is his goal. We see this in Daniel 7:25 - to “wear down the saints of the Most High God,” is his number one driving ambition in the life of a believer. He speaks to feed the flesh.

But, the Bible provides a three-step process for overcoming the flesh and developing such an honesty in our relationship with God. We are going to talk more about this 3-step process of “honesty in prayer” later this week in Part 3 of our bible study, but for now circle the words “honesty in prayer” and let those words permeate for a moment.

**2. Conflicts With What Seems Reasonable**

So much of the time, (yet, there are exceptions), when our Father is speaking to us, He will ask us or instruct us in a way that to our rational way of thinking is not rational at all. It almost sounds completely absurd. When we read that Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son Issac, that doesn’t even sound like God at first. It sounds more like the voice of the enemy - asking him to murder his own child. But Abraham obeyed to the point where God stopped him before he actually carried out the instruction. But the reality of it all is this - it WAS God’s voice Abraham heard and Abraham recognized it clearly. And here’s the one aspect of his obedience I don’t want us to miss or overlook — Abraham obeyed the Voice of God alone. He was all alone in what God told him to do. He didn’t tell Abraham and his wife to sacrifice Isaac, and even though Abraham took two of his men with him, the Scriptures never tell us that he told them the purpose of the mission. He didn’t even answer his own son when he asked him directly, “…where is the sacrifice?”

There will be times when God may test our faith and tell only us what to do and position us to be alone in our following through in what He said. Like Abraham, we are to show unflinching obedience to His Voice. But do we do that? Is that our tendency? Or do we want validation? Do we want other people to agree with what we know to be God’s will for our life. Of course we do. We don’t like being alone, especially when we are facing the most frightening test from God our faith has ever known. But this is the God of the Bible. He will test us to see if He is truly our First Love. If nothing and no one comes before our love and devotion to Him. He tests in this way so we can see the condition of our own heart. The idea of being alone in a conviction or in taking very real steps of faith can be almost unnerving, BUT when you know God and you know God’s Voice, then the most unnerving and frightening thing would be to NOT do what He says!

**What thoughts are coming to your mind right now….jot them down.**

Abraham knew the voice of the Lord and he knew that regardless of how strange and conflicting with his own human reasoning the instruction was, he was to obey.

Same with Mary and Joseph. Can you imagine what went through their minds as they pondered the Voice of God when He told them that Joseph was to take her as his wife because what was conceived in her was by the Holy Spirit and he was to give Him the name Jesus? All so conflicting to what seems reasonable. But it was the Voice of the Lord. And each of them obeyed, no matter what they’d encounter from family and friends.

**3. Greater Intimacy Means Greater Recognition of His Voice**

I can tell you that in a crowded room, if I hear Rip say my name, I know it. Even as I read a text from him, I can “hear” his voice, I can hear his character and his personality in just what he writes in print. His chose of words, his use of punctuation; it all communicates to me from his heart to mine. That is how I would also recognize a text from him over a hundred texts from different people. He writes in such a way that I hear his heart, I hear his voice, I hear that man’s humor and I hear his thoughts. How is this possible?

It’s because we spend so much time together that I know him. I know his ways, his tendencies, his nature and his character. I know him. So, when he speaks to me or when he writes to me, *all of who he is to me,* is heard. And felt.

The same with the Father. He speaks to reveal Himself to us and to reveal the longing of His heart - to be in intimate fellowship with us until we see Him face to face.

**Read John 20:11-17**

When Jesus said Mary’s name, that is when and that is how she recognized Him. It was His voice. The Voice she had heard and had come to know so intimately. When the Father speaks He speaks with His character and His personality woven into every word and syllable. His chose of words communicates His heart to ours and the more we are reading the Words of God, the more we become familiar with how and why He speaks, we become familiar with who He is, how he seasons His sentences with His mercy and grace, and how His love language comes from His nature of compassion.

The closer we become so familiar with His voice through His Word and prayer and experiences of obedience to His Voice, the more discerning and sensitive we become to words that do not align with who He is. We recognize instantly the absence of His love language. His language is unmistakable - rich and full in kindness and always drawing us in to Him, never harsh in accusations or debilitating us with condemnation. There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.

**Have you felt condemnation lately in any way, in any form? Write about it, what and when did you feel you were being condemned, but then write Romans 8:1 out as well.**

**4. Our Faith is Challenged**

God delights in growing and developing our faith, so one way He does that is to challenge our faith and help us grow into intimacy with Him. God is pleased when we take very real actions of faith because it tells Him this - that we not only trust Him, but we long to demonstrate just how much we love Him. Love equates to obedience and that will mean in our life, that He will speak to us at times in ways that will position us to take a very real step of faith.

**Is there a step of faith that you know He is wanting you to take? It’s probably frightening you to no end, or you could simply be excited about it, but feeling totally unequipped. Are you scared to let go of something, or someone? What is holding you back?**

**Is He asking you to do something that goes completely against how you’d normally respond? Think for a minute, friend. And then write down what you hear Him asking you to do that you know the only way you can follow Him, is you must take a very real and bold step of faith.**

Never in a million years would I have ever placed myself in the career path He has placed me in now. As a manager of a State owned and operated farmers market, I can tell you that this is ALL God’s doing. All I’ve known since 1999 is ministry through church staff positions and Interior Inspirations. So, when the call came for me to consider the position of managing a farmers market, (so out of left field for me!), I instantly prayed when I got off the phone and said, “This is You, isn’t it? This is You!” God had prepared me for this by the work He had been doing IN me all the 7 months prior to that call. Where did I have to take a step of faith in obeying His will? The moment I said yes to the job *in my mind and heart*, while sitting on my sofa in prayer. The moment I prayed, “Father, I know this is You and yes. I don’t know what all this means, but You do and I trust You.” I’d already told Him that I would go anywhere He’d send me. He knew I had no expectations and was literally surrendering my entire self to Him. So, when the phone rang and this “absurd request” came for me to consider managing a farmers market, it was so “out of nowhere” that I knew His Voice immediately. I recognized His sending me … and all I could say was, “Here I am.”

I couldn’t WAIT to tell Rip! So, I called him and asked if we could go out to dinner. While eating chips and salsa, I told him about the call I had that day. He listened (as he always does) and then said, “Baby, we didn’t see this coming, but this is huge! What a blessing!” THAT right there also let me know that it was time to walk in faith with my Father in a brand new adventure!

Don’t be afraid, my friend, to even **ask** God to position you so that you must walk by faith because that is when you will not only grow in your awareness of His voice, but the intimacy you two will share will develop in you such a joy and such a passion for doing His will!

But we don’t always walk in the Spirit. There are those times when we choose to do what we want to do and that’s when we could miss hearing Him. This is when He will allow things in our life to get our attention.

Some of those ways we can know when He is truly trying to get our attention so we can hear His voice over our flesh, others, and Satan.

**1. A restless spirit**

I believe one of the simplest ways God can get our attention is to make us restless. We may be going about our jobs, our church, or our home lives when a restlessness begins to stir within our spirits. We can’t put a finger on it, we don’t know why it is there; we can’t identify it; we don’t even know exactly what is happening and why, - but we have an uneasiness in our hearts. When such a time comes, the wise thing to do is to stop - ask the Lord what He is trying to say. This ‘stopping’ can mean leaning in and listening for the next few days, but He will direct you through that restless spirit. - Charles Stanley

**2. A word from others**

These others will be godly people who can be trusted by God to deliver His words to you. God has the power to know what is going on within us and He has the power to place a burden upon someone else to say a word to us, even when the message doesn’t appear logical at all.

Lately, I’ve had this experience. I was in a situation that I had found myself in before (many times actually) and this time the pain of it all was so intense that I knew I needed counsel. I needed to present the situation to a godly and Scripture-saturated person who could help me know the will of God. As we talked, they were used by my Father to help me see with such greater clarity. They affirmed many things, and each time we came together, God spoke directly to me as a result of what they said or as they were speaking. There was no doubt in my mind or in my spirit that God was using them to speak His wisdom to me.

**3. Unusual Circumstances**

This method God will use to get our attention usually turns the eyes of our heart to Him. It’s deeply personal. Look at Moses standing at a burning bush. He’d been shepherding for 40 years and had seen many burning bushes, but this time, with this bush, he made a decision. He decided to do one act …

**Read Exodus 3:1-2**

**Finish this sentence from the above Scripture - “So he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the bush burned with fire.”**

He could have kept about his work and not given that sight a second thought. He could have kept his nose to the grind stone in shepherding and not even give that blazing bush a seconds notice. After all, you’ve seen one bush on fire, you’ve seen them all, right?

But he didn’t. He looked. And because he looked, he noticed something so unusual. He noticed the bush was on fire, but not being consumed. So unusual.

Then, he did something else - Scripture said in verse 3-4:

*“So Moses said, “I must turn away [from the flock] and see this great sight—why the bush is not burned up.” 4 When the Lord saw that he turned away [from the flock] to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”*

He looked AND turned away from the routine of his day to SEE - to investigate - the great sight!

God created that unusual circumstance to get his attention. And did He ever! Twice we see that Moses turned away from the flock. He turned his back to the very routine and work of his life. Why? Because he saw something so unusual. He wanted to investigate this great sight of a bush that was not burning up. When God saw that he turned away from the flock to give this unusual circumstance his attention, THEN God called to him from the bush - “Moses, Moses!” And Moses said those famous words of complete intimacy, “Here I am.”

**Is there an unusual circumstance in your life right now, today? There are no accidents in the life of a believer and there are no such things as coincidences. So if there is something happening in your life that is unusual, will you consider stopping like Moses did and investigate it. And, like Moses, rest your inquiry in God’s presence because as soon as you turn, He will be right there.**

Without going into much detail, there are a few other ways God will get our attention to hear His voice - 1. failure, 2. financial concerns or collapse, 3. tragedy, 4. sickness and affliction (which was the case with me from January - August of 2019., when I received a few health diagnosis where my body was signaling to me it was time to stop, lean in, listen and hear the Voice of my Father with much greater intimacy and surrender.)

Now, during my time of affliction, I want you to know something. Satan didn’t show mercy. Quite the opposite. When he sees a believer suffering, due to physical affliction or loss or grieving, he is not going to go against his own nature and show mercy. His nature is to steal, kill and destroy. His nature is to wear out and wear down the saints of the Most High, so he takes that time (or rather season) in our life when we are not at our best, to accuse us to the Father, and to attack our hearts and our minds.

Warren Wiersbe has written a small book titled, “The Strategy of Satan - How to Detect and Defeat Him.” That one book opened my eyes this year even more to just how Satan sounds. How he speaks. How accusing he is, and how quick he is to speak with condemnation while at the same time, what he says are lies. He is the father of lies, so it’s all he knows. We have to remember, there is no truth in him. Even when he may “use” Scripture (like he did with Jesus in the wilderness when he was tempting him, he misused it - using it against Jesus. Satan’s motives in reciting the verse he used in his tempting Christ was to bring the Word against Him. He used Scripture in attempt to put Jesus where he felt was His rightful place - beneath him.

Satan’s voice is very unsettling, too. You hear it in words that are empty of compassion and grace. Satan speaks to elevate himself, while tearing you down. Or, as scheming as he is, he will elevate your ego, but with the purpose of one day taking you down, mercilessly. He will go to great lengths to make sure you live independent of God’s will, so as long as you are living a good life, he’s pleased with all his efforts. It’s living GOD’S BEST LIFE that he will spend your entire lifetime making sure you never experience.

While I was not feeling well, he moved in hard. The Lord had told me that He had given Satan permission to sift me like wheat and yet, He also said, “I have prayed for you.” Do you have ANY idea how much those five words stayed etched in my soul while I was being sifted by Satan? There is no way to explain satanic or demonic attack to the mind and to the heart, because it’s so very heavy and dark. But because I knew what was happening, I knew there was a heavy oppression on me, I did what I knew God was praying for me to do - I sought His face and armored up in His holy armor moment after moment after moment. I stayed in the Word of God. And if I had errands to run, a house to clean, meals to prepare, and activities with family and friends, I remained in a spirit of constant prayer - wanting Him and nothing but Him.

You see, it was paramount that I hear the Lord’s Voice during that season of being sifted. I had to hear His instructions. I had to listen to the Spirit and how He was not only speaking to me in His Word, but how He was leading me to “act” in faith, while everything in me wanted to hibernate until it all passed. But I knew better. I had not been given a spirit of fear or of timidity, but of power, love and a sound mind. It was time to armor up my mind with the helmet of salvation. So, I mediated on His Word day and night, being careful, so so very careful to DO what it said, and it was so important that I believed what He said to me. THAT was the season my afflictions had brought into my life - a season where God did three things in me:

1. **purified me** - this is where being honest with God is so necessary in order to be in intimate fellowship with Him. There were places in me that needed healing and cleansing.
2. **positioned me to behold Him** - beholding God will DRASTICALLY change your life!
3. **positioned me to believe who HE says I am** - this was a much deeper area of pain in my life than I realized. I had believed so many of Satan’s lies and had allowed a reservoir of doubting settle in my beliefs. But I can cry right now when I think of how my Father freed me from years of strongholds in my life. Once I started to see who He says I am, and truly believing Him, that is also when I began such a closer relationship with Him and it felt more real than it had in a long time.

It was time to silence the voices of the past, the voices of my failures, and the voices of all my sins and mistakes. It was time to silence the accusations, the shame, and the regret. It was time to silence the pestering voices that always told me I was not enough. It was time to silence the voices that kept me defeated and made to feel so useless. It was time to silence his bullying and to silence the voices that always wanted me to understand how unloved and unwanted I was. All lies, yet all real experiences in my life.

Remember this, Satan’s voice speaks of the past, not in a way that would be beneficial in your walk with God, but in a way that attempts to destroy your zeal, your passion and how you aggressively listen to God. He is the great accuser and the Liar. Liar is his name, so the more you and I are in Truth, asking for Truth, meditating on Truth, exercising Truth, and the more we are feasting and drinking in Truth, we will be acutely sensitive to the voice of Satan. You may not know why or what you are sensing, but you clearly know it is not from the heart of your Father. You just may weep uncontrollably when you hear his voice, too, because it will cut you to the core. But also know this about Satan’s voice - he always speaks to your flesh. He wants you to perceive and to feel totally opposite from how the Spirit is leading you. So he speaks to the lust of the flesh. Now, lust of the flesh is not limited to moral or sexual areas alone. A lust of the flesh can be the need to be right, the need to be in control, the need to put someone in their place, or the need to go to great lengths for recognition. The lust of the flesh is anything that causes us to think and behave in such a way that we get what we want. And Satan will make sure that our flesh is lusting for anything that sets itself up against the beautiful Sovereignty and nature of God. Friend, ask daily, all day long if necessary, for the fresh filling of the Spirit in your life and crucify the flesh daily, too.

I can recall talking with someone and as they spoke, every spiritual radar in me was going off. I couldn’t discern why at the time, because what they were talking about was a rather “neutral” topic. And as far as I could tell, they had a great deal of knowledge on the subject. But it was ‘how” they were speaking that was throwing off signals. Later in the year, I found out they were seen participating in ungodly activities; activities that explained the thoughts and the discernment I was having when I was simply listening to them. This has happened in my life on several occasions. One afternoon recently, I was in my office when a new cleaning lady was introduced to me. As I listened to her tell me her name and answer basic questions like, “What days would you like to come?,” and “Is there anything you need that we don’t have in the supply closet?,” the Voice of God was heard immediately as a random word popped into my thoughts, “Molested.” I knew it was Him. I recognized His whisper. So, as soon as she turned away to start cleaning, I went into my office and prayed for her.

Later in the week, she came back to clean some more. As she got all finished, she asked if she could help me decorate the tree in the Market foyer. I said, “I’d love for you to.” As we decorated, I asked some pretty normal questions people ask when they are just getting to know each other, like, “Did you grow up in MS?,” and “Do you have brothers and sisters?” She let me know that she was born and raised in Chicago and that her mother was still there; she was living in MS for health needs. I asked her what those needs were, and she let me know that she had 2 strokes that caused some brain damage, (she is only 34 years old), 2 car wrecks that also injured her brain and her spine. She was diagnosed with Diabetes and PTSD - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. That last diagnosis went off in my spirit like a clanging cymbal! So, after we talked more about her health, I asked her, “If you don’t mind, may I ask what your trauma was? What the diagnosis for PTSD is related to?” She looked at me and said, “I was molested.” Nothing else. Just looked down at her hands full of ornaments and didn’t look back up. I told her how deeply sorry I was and instantly said, “If you want to share with me you can, but if not I want you to know that I will pray for you and I am here for you.” She said, “I was 12 and it was my mom’s second husband.” I could tell she was fighting back some emotion so I simply did what I knew to do - I held her in my arms and told her, “What happened to you was wrong and evil on every level, but Jesus loves you and He has so much more for you.” She raised her head and looked me right into the eyes and said, “Yes ma’am, I know Him.” Here stood this 34 year old emotionally beaten and bruised young woman, hardly able to speak a fluid sentence, wreathing in past consequences due to the sins of others, and yet when she said she knew Jesus, her face lifts and her eyes meet mine.

Let me tell you something, when and only when you want to walk in growing intimate fellowship with God, will He entrust to you His Voice for purposes you never saw coming. He speaks to believers, yes, but to have the joy of being about your day and to have Him speak straight to your mind and heart for the purpose of intercessory prayer is a place of intimacy that can’t be described….it can only be experienced. We will talk more about intercessory prayer in our list part of Lesson 4.

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For now, this is the end of this Lesson 3 - Part 2 portion of the study. BUT, on Thursday, we will have a new video and Part 3 of this Lesson. Take time on Wednesday to slowly work through and review the notes you’ve written on these pages AND what you have written in your journal on Tuesday. Keep writing in it on Wednesday, too.

Love you deeply,

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