



REFLECTIONS

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The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

Genesis 12:1

Hearing God

God spoke clearly to Abraham that day. With so much clarity, I might have even found it easy to pick up everything I have and move to a foreign land. But hearing God is not easy for me. God doesn't lift his voice to me the way He spoke to Abraham. If God would lift his voice audibly to me as He may have spoken to Abraham, I believe I would be able to hear him too.

But these days it's easy to believe God doesn't speak to people anymore. But is God failing to speak, or am I failing to hear Him when He does? I wondered about it when I wrote in my journal one morning.

Journaling enhances my awareness of all that is going on around me, and I found God was speaking to me after all. I need only to take time to hear Him. Journaling provides private moments for hearing God as I learn and grow. But God speaks to me even when times are not so private.

I find little messages almost every day. I find God's response to me in expected places like prayer time, Bible reading, or a pastor's sermon; but God also speaks when I reflect on my daily life. God often speaks when I listen to the radio, or read a book, or visit with a friend. God speaks to me when I view the countryside, or meet people I don't know, and when I observe other people who travel different roads of life. God is always speaking. My issue is not the absence of his voice. My issue is hearing it when He speaks.

I know now that God speaks to me, though not audibly as He may have spoken to Abraham. As I go about my daily life, I allow the noise from the world around me to drown out his messages. But the world around me is the place God's voice is most frequently found.

Oh! Is He speaking to me now?

Please excuse me. I need to listen.

"You are the light of the world,"

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