

## Why Bother?

Series: Hearing God's Voice

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### I. Introduction: Images of God

### II. Biblical ways that God speaks:

- God speaks through *Scripture* (2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12; Rom. 10:17).
- God speaks through *visions* (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17; 9:12; 10:9-17; 16:9).
- God speaks through *dreams* (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17; Matt. 2:12-13).
- God speaks through *a soft, still voice* (1 Sam. 3:4; 1 Kings 19:11-14).
- God speaks through *people* (Prov. 15:22; 11:14; John 13:20; 2 Cor. 5:20).
- God speaks through *angels* (Matt. 1:24; 2:24; John 20:12; Acts 5:19; 8:26).
- God speaks to our *mind* (Amos 4:13; 1 Cor. 2:10-16).
- God speaks through *circumstances* (Jonah 1-4; Acts 16:6-10; Rev. 3:7-8).
- God speaks through *nature* (Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-20).
- God speaks through *supernatural means* (Ex. 3:1-4; Judg. 6:37-40; John 20:30-31; Acts 9:1-5; 12:6-11).
- God speaks through *words of wisdom, knowledge, and prophecy* (Acts 2:17; Acts 11:28; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; 1 Cor. 14:26-33; 1 Thes. 5:19-22).
- *Other?* This is not an exhaustive list. Do your own study on how God speaks in both the Old and New Testament.

### III. Two kinds of revelation:

- *Objective revelation*: the written word of God (aka, the Bible).
- *Subjective revelation*: dreams, visions, inner promptings, etc.

### IV. Why bother? Why receive promptings from the Holy Spirit?

- A prompting can open doors for effective witnessing (Acts 8:26-31).

- A prompting can give you tools to encourage and heal others (1 Cor. 14:1-5).
- A prompting is often an invitation to intercede (Romans 8:26-27).

**V. Concluding thoughts & prayer ministry**