

HEARING GOD SPEAK

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Invocation

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and
the love of God
and
the communion of the Holy Ghost
be with you all.
Amen"*

(2 Cor. 13:14)

Introduction

Most of us recognize that God created humanity because He loves us and He created us to fellowship with Him. To fellowship we must communicate. To communicate we must listen and recognize God's voice and the different ways He communicates with us. God has not changed and still speaks to us in several different ways just as He did in Biblical times.

We will explore some of the most common forms of communication that God uses. He speaks to us through His Holy Word the Bible, through an audible voice, through dreams, visions, messengers, circumstances, peace, similitudes, feelings and impressions. Looking at examples in the Bible of how God spoke to people before the birth of Jesus Christ and how He has spoken to me it is obvious that God has not changed and that the same means of communication used then are still used today.

God did not just communicate with people before the birth of Christ, or with just a few people today. All who choose to accept Jesus as their Savior, desire a relationship with Him and are obedient to God's commandments can have communion with God. The benefits of hearing God speak to us and directing us are great. God will edify, exhort, warn, direct us and more. We can know, love, serve Him and talk to Him but we can not have the fullness of the relationship God

intended for us if we do not hear or recognize when He is communicating with us.

The Spirit of God teaches us all things and brings power into lives as is demonstrated in the lives of men in the Old Testament, Jesus, the apostles and many today. We need to be able to recognize Him speaking to us if we are going to learn what God wants to share with us and experience His power.

Sharing my conversations with God and very personal experiences is done for two reasons. The first is that God has instructed me to do so. The second is to help you recognize that God has probably spoken to you, wants to speak to you and/or will speak to you. I also want to encourage you to ask God to speak to you in ways that you will recognize so you can be fulfilled in your relationship with Him, do His will and fulfill His plan for your life. You don't know the plans God has for you if you do not recognize Him speaking to you.

We are not great people working in God's Kingdom but we are average or ordinary people who have a great God working in and through us. God told me the only ability I needed was availability. What a wonderful concept. He will do the rest through us. We have unlimited power at our disposal. It is there waiting to be accessed.

Prayer is the key. It opens the door to intimacy with our God. Are you one of the people that are connected to God like a person given a new house filled

with everything you need but you haven't unlocked and opened the door? It's all there inside waiting for you. Or maybe you have opened the door and attempted to walk into the house but it is so dark in there you can't see. The house is wired with electricity. The power is there but you need to turn on the switch to release it and have light.

Just as the power is there in the house, the power of God is within us. Why continue to live in darkness, walking around bumping into things, hurting ourselves and being afraid to move because we can't see where we are going. Flip the switch! Have you noticed the switch is always right inside the entry door? Flip the switch and have light. It is done with a simple childlike prayer. All we need to do is ask Jesus to be our light and light our way for He is the light. God is living inside of our body. The Bible calls our body a temple. God wants to speak to you. He is waiting for you to listen and to seek Him. It is sad when believers have the Living God abiding in them and don't communicate with Him. How lonely our Lord must be.

I have asked if anyone has heard God speak to them when I start teaching on this topic and most said no. At the end of the seminar when asked the same question some responded with yes and were able to site incidents in their own lives. They just did not recognize it. How about you? Because you are reading this you are probably seeking to hear God speak to you and into your life. You want a more intimate relationship with God. You are seeking and (Matthew 7:7) says: "seek and ye

shall find.” Not only are you seeking God and wanting to hear from Him. God also is calling you. He wants that intimate relationship with you.

As you read the examples please keep in mind that they are used to demonstrate that God still communicates with us and how He communicates with us. Glean truths that can help you to recognize God speaking to you and into your own life. This is about God and His desire to fellowship with you.

I want you to sense and experience the excitement of God’s presence: hear Him speak to you, see signs and wonders as He uses you and so much more. Please don’t think that this is about me. I could not make one thing happen on my own. It is truly by the Holy Spirit of God. Zech. 4:6; says: **“Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit.”** I have done nothing to deserve what God has done in my life. God has taken me and given my life purpose and joy. What has happened to me can also happen to you. Even greater! This is about God, His Will and what He desires to do in your life. It means substituting His plan and vision for ours. That I have done and I have surrendered my life to God and what He requires of me is obedience. When you are submitted to God He will be able to use you according to His plan and His purpose for your life will be fulfilled.

God loves us, He is alive and desires to speak to each of us.

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God The Same Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Do you wonder why God spoke to people in Biblical days and does not speak to you? Why others hear God speak to them and you do not hear Him speak to you? I did. Is this a gift for only some people? Does God speak to people today and if so how does He speak to us?

For many years I would hear people talk about how God spoke to them and told them things. I wondered why I could not hear Him. I can not remember a time when I did not know God or pray to Him. Unfortunately, I do not remember anyone telling me that God would speak to me. Looking for an answer when I had a problem I would go to the Bible and ask God for what I should do. He would invariably take me to a scripture that was an answer to my question or something I needed to know to solve a problem. God also spoke to me in dreams but I never truly comprehended that God was trying to communicate something to me. I just knew the dreams had special meaning and I needed to heed them and be watchful. Most of us are taught psychoanalysis or philosophical approaches when we question things like dreams. The

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secular world teaches that when we supernaturally know something it is ESP, some psychic phenomenon, etc. instead of the truth that God or possibly Satan is speaking to us. How sad it is to find that God had been speaking to us and we just did not recognize God's voice or other ways He was communicating with us because no one told us.

God speaks to us in several ways. They are very different and distinct and He may use one or several different ways when speaking to each of us. He may choose one method or He may combine several. As examples are sited, this documentary will show some of the different ways God speaks to us and also show that He has not changed. **“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.”** (Heb. 13:8) It is possible for all of us to hear our Lord speak so let us look at His word. His word says, **“He shall call upon me, and I will answer him.”** (Psalm 91:15) It is important to not only seek God but to **“be still, and know that I am God.”** (Psalm 46:10) Can God speak to us even if we do not ask or if we do not listen or take time to be with Him? Of course, He can, for He is God but if we are looking for answers to know God's will it is very important to take time to be alone with God and to become intimate with Him.

I will show examples of God choosing to communicate without a request such as sending His messenger angels as He did with Mary: **“the angel Gabriel was sent from Godthe angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that are highly**

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favored” (Luke 1:26-28) also in answer to a prayer such as He did with Daniel. **“Then was the *secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision....O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee:*”** (Dan. 2:19-23)

Whenever possible I will use both Biblical scripture examples and examples from my journals to show how God communicated in the past and how He still communicates with his children today. Even though the examples are from my prayer journals some will include how God has spoken to others also. Some examples will be communications of God with me and some will be communications of God with people I know and interface with. The Bible is God’s Holy Word written by people as inspired by the Holy Spirit. This is one of the most common ways God speaks to most of us. Under the Old Testament there are many examples of God speaking to His people and the recording thereof of prophetic events to be fulfilled. **“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”** (2 Pet. 1:21) It is especially important for all of us seeking to be in God’s perfect will that we recognize God speaking to us in any way that He chooses.

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His Holy Word

God spoke through His prophets and we can see where the scribes, Pharisees and others would go to the written word and study it to know God's will. Daniel makes it known that he **understood by books** that he knew what God's will was for the situation because he read the book of Jeremiah the prophet. **"In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; in the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet."** (Dan. 9:1-2)

When Satan tempted Jesus, our Lord responded **"It is written"** for He knew the word. And **"the devil said unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, *It is written*, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."** (Luke 4:3-4)

God speaking to us with His Holy Word as the avenue He most frequently chooses to speak to us demonstrates the importance placed on the Word and is

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a testimony of the Christian faith. What a comfort it is to go to the Bible when I have a specific need or am hurting, knowing I will find my answer in His word. Here is a wonderful example:

While I was in the Holy Land God spoke to me and said to send my daughter, Terry, there. I responded “If you will supply the money I will do it.” I asked God for a sign as I did not have the money, we were getting short on time and Terry would have to get a passport. When I went to the post office there was an unexpected check for \$73.00 which was the amount needed for picture, application fee for passport, etc. I sent her the money and she applied for her passport. Everything was set only I still did not have the money. Two days before the deadline to book the trip I called the group with whom I was going to send them. They only had two seats available. That was perfect because I was sending both my daughters. Her sister Linda had a passport and even though I didn’t have the money I felt it would be best for the two of them to travel together. Without having to pay the single person surcharge the second one wasn’t as costly and I wanted them both to have the same opportunity. I prayed asking God what to do as my loan had not been approved yet and I did not want to put more charges on my credit cards saying, “Lord if You want me to send them without the loan to open the Bible to Jonah as You did when You wanted me to go.” I took a new Bible lying next to my desk and let it fall open and it opened directly to Jonah. As it began to close it stopped on the map at the back of the Bible with my eyes falling on the word Jerusalem. Pretty clear,

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right!? I thought to myself (or Satan whispered) maybe it is just because it is new and just happens to fall open to this page. Sometimes I ask for more than one as I did this time and He solidified His desire through His Word to the point that there was no doubt in my mind. (Journal 1, pg. 101) My heart knew but Satan tried to persuade me otherwise. It is OK to put a fleece before God and it is scriptural as was the case of Gideon putting out a fleece in (Judges 6:36-40). God is patient in His teaching and wants us to know His will and have peace so we trust Him. God overcame many obstacles and they had a wonderful trip. Did I get the loan? Yes!!!, of course, for God is faithful and sometimes just wants us to step out and grow in faith.

While I was praying for a friend's sister, Joyce, who needed a heart transplant and was facing death, believing for total healing and wondering what God's will was for her, God impressed upon me that He brings people before me to pray for them and puts it on my heart what to pray. I felt prompted to go to my Bible. I picked it up and it opened to: **“This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.”** (John 11:4). I then knew without a doubt, no matter how bad it looked that God would make a way and she would live. (J 6, pg. 167) I will speak more about Joyce under the heading God Speaks Through Physical Feelings.

Every day I go to God's word and receive messages from Him which help me know Him better

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and they may be to comfort, enlighten, direct, warn or encourage me. Sometimes it's to praise Him and sometimes it is to tell me He loves me. His promises are many and so are His instructions. The Bible is God's word and it states: **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** (John 1:1) Since the Word is God it is living and it is God Himself speaking to us. Sometimes I like to substitute my name in places where scripture states someone's name. It is personal. **"I'm my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine."** (S of S 6:3) Isn't this awesome? He tells me: **"Take delight in the Lord and He will grant your hearts request."** (Ps. 37:4) In simple words God tells me to be delighted in Him and He will give me whatever my heart desires. The simple truth is, if we are delighted in Him and love Him that we are going to desire what He wants for us. Whatever it is we will have it for it is His will. Think of God speaking to you personally when reading certain scriptures. If you haven't tried this I encourage you to do so.

I will include one more example which is part of a prayer and how God answered me: "This morning I asked you for something special as yesterday and during the night I was suffering doubt about how I was going to be able to do this. I am hurting and confused not knowing what to do. I want to hear from You and do Your will. I am not sure what to do or what you want. I opened my book, *Experiencing God Daily* and it opened to Your scripture ***"Your words were found and I ate them, and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart."*** (Jer. 15:16) I do rejoice in

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your word and talking to you replenishes me. I picked up my Bible and again asked you for a special message. It opened to **“O Lord thou knowest, remember me, and visit me, and defend me from them that persecute me. Do not defend me in thy patience. Know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach. *Thy words were found and I did eat them, and thy word was to me a joy and gladness of my heart.* ...If thou shalt separate the precious from the vile thou shalt be as my mouth. They shall be turned to thee, and thou shalt not be turned to them, and I will make thee to this people as a strong wall of brass; and they shall fight against thee and not prevail. For I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee saith the Lord. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the mighty.”** (Jer. 15:15-21) All I need do is trust and wait on you Almighty God. What are the odds of that same verse coming up in both books? I know you did that to help take away any doubt in my mind.” (Journal 3, pgs 57-59) I had some hard decisions to make and it was a very difficult time, however, by the time I finished praying I had peace and joy knowing that God was in control.

We can fellowship with Jesus - what a privilege. **“God is faithful, by Him you have been called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ.”** (1 Cor. 1:9) God gives us the opportunity to choose if we want to be blessed and live with Him forever. Isn't it amazing that so many choose to give up their inheritance and live

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defeated by a curse rather than living in victory? **“I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.”** (Deut. 30:19) Could it be that they just haven’t heard God speak!? If we choose blessings and are obedient He tells us that **“Blessings shall come upon and overtake you.”** (Deut. 28:2) Nothing, is impossible. No goal is unobtainable when we are walking in His will. **“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”** (Phil. 4:13) God tells us that He has great things prepared for all of us who love Him that no one knows. **“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”** (1 Cor.2:9) I could go on and on for I do delight myself in the Lord and His Word. God’s Word helps me to know God better, how He desires me to live, what He expects from me and How much He loves me. His Word is filled with everything we need to know in order to live prosperously in this life and to obtain everlasting life with Him. His promises are many and they are mine and they are also yours. If you aren’t reading God’s Word daily I encourage you to do so. You may be amazed and delighted at how alive His Word becomes. Hebrews 4:12 says that **“The Word of God is alive and active: Sharper than any two edged sword.”** God honors our efforts and as you start claiming His promises and speaking His Word watch to see the changes in your life.

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An Audible Voice

Sometimes God Speaks Internally Or With A Still Small Voice

Elijah is feeling sorry for himself and complaining to God. God speaks and tells him **“Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord: but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind and earthquake: but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a *still small voice.*”** According to this scripture God had to be inside Elijah. How many of us are looking elsewhere for God when all the time He is within us and speaking to us.

While watching television one evening I saw a trip to Jerusalem advertised. I was prompted to send for the information. I had never had a desire to go to Israel and for some reason I really wanted to go on this trip. I started to wonder if this is God’s idea or mine so I ask for a sign. I took my Bible and it opened to Jonah who tried to run from God. I was not going to run away if

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God was calling me. I said yes God. I will book it and go. You know, however that I do not have the money. I hear what I have always thought was my conscience (that *still small voice*) say “**O ye of little faith.**” (Journal 1 pg 6) I felt surprise and thought, I do not talk to myself like that and realized that God had just spoken to me in a *still small voice or an inner voice*. I was thrilled and hurt at the same time. After all, no one wants to hear God tell them they have little faith and yet I was excited and rejoicing for I had recognized that God had just spoken to me in an audible voice. Yeesss!!! I had heard God speak. I repented and started praying and asking Jesus for a stronger and unshakable faith. I became aware of this inner voice and started listening for it. I would notice things that were directives or in the third person. I was so blessed and rejoiced in this new communication.

I got on the plane bound for the Holy Land and as I was sitting in the seat ready for take off I heard God say to me. “**I’m going to give you the best trip you have ever had.**” (Journal 1 pg. 9) I was so thrilled!!! I had enjoyed some wonderful trips in the past but nothing was going to come close to this. It was by far the best and greatest trip ever. Under the topic God Speaks Through Visions you will read more about this and one of the visions God gave me while I was there. It is necessary here to stay focused on God communicating with an audible voice. What a Awesome God. I had no idea of what was in store for me. I was going to visit the land where Jesus lived, the land of my ancestors, places I had only read about and little did I know my life would never be the same again.

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About five months later, on my birthday, I was at Lake Tahoe walking. It seemed like I didn't enjoy things as much as I used to. My life didn't seem very purposeful any more and I wondered what was in store for me. I heard God say **"These will be bonus years"** *God said they would not be as I had thought but they would be wonderful years. I would be serving Him and that they would be joyful and exciting. He requested I buy a journal and record my visions and thoughts and meditate on them.* (Journal 1, pg 24) I bought the journal as my Lord instructed and started recording the special things He had done for me and writing my thoughts addressing God. This opened up a wonderful, much more fulfilling prayer life

A few months later I woke up one morning hearing the question over and over. **"Who will teach my children to pray?"** (Journal 1, pg. 35) So how do I do this? I was assuming God must want me to do it since He was asking me the question. I told Him I would with His help.

About a year after God called me to serve Him in Jerusalem I got up from prayer. As I went to get dressed, God spoke to me and said: **"I have called you to be a Nun, I have called you to be a Missionary. I have let you do what you wanted to do. From now on your Life is Mine"** (Journal 1, pg. 107) My immediate response was, "Yes Lord." I had always loved Jesus and in the 7th and 8th grade I wanted

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to be a Nun but I did not realize God was calling me or recognize that He was speaking to me. I thought it was my own desire. Because I also wanted to be a mother and have my own children I gave up the desire to be a Nun. Later in my life I thought about doing missionary work but did not act upon it because I didn't recognize it was God calling me again. I thank God that He chose to bless me even though I did not do what He was calling me to do. You can see that God has been calling me all my life to serve Him but I did not understand How God Speaks to us. He gave me a wonderful husband and three very special children. Because I did not recognize His voice I was in His permissive will instead of His perfect will. My prayer since has been to be in God's perfect will and that is my prayer for you also.

Even though God has a plan and a desire for our life He allows us a free choice. If we do exactly as God wants us to do we are in His perfect will. If we don't recognize what His will is because we don't hear Him speaking to us and we are trying to do what is right and live according to His commandments and statutes we are then in His permissive will.

Then one morning God spoke to me during prayer. He said that **He wanted me to tithe 10% of my time and He wanted the first 10%.**" (Journal 1, pg. 122) I had never heard of anyone tithing their time but agreed to do so. It seemed like a long time to pray. It would mean getting up two hours earlier each morning to avoid interruptions. It has proven to be a very easy task and most of the time it goes by so quickly

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that I go beyond. God was calling me to intercessory prayer and to draw even closer to Him.

Can you see the sequence? God opened up a deeper and richer prayer life for me when He told me to address Him in writing. What happened? I was not as easily distracted because I was writing. I was actually documenting my prayers and seeing the power of God as He answered them. He then asked me to teach others to pray and I agreed. God was then showing me what He wanted in prayer. By calling me to give the first two and a half hours every morning He was taking me even deeper into the true meaning of prayer and actual communion with Him. I was fresh in the morning. I took time to worship and praise God giving Him thanks for His blessings. God was given time to speak into my life. Unfortunately, prayer is another topic and too lengthy to be covered here. If you are just saying routine prayers, making your request, saying thank you and rushing in to your day you may want to consider pursuing God a little in the early morning. Remember to give God some time to speak also. You may even want to try what God had me do and get a journal.

The following will show one of the advantages of writing in a journal. God spoke to me during prayer as I was writing and said **“The greatest profit will be the saved souls and Jess will be one.”** (Journal 8, pg 2) Jess had worked for me for several years as a gold prospecting guide. He had become a Good friend. That same day in the afternoon Jess called and informed me

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that he had been evicted from his home. I told him not to worry. I would come get him and move him down into one of my cabins. Jess was in my prayers a lot as he did not believe in God and I was very concerned about him.

Three days later I was down repairing the roof on the cabin I had just moved Jess into. I had to go get some supplies and I was telling Jess I would be right back. He was concerned that I was working too hard. I told him not to worry that the Lord takes care of me and he said **“He takes care of me too. I see Him on the cross each morning up there on the hill. You’ve made a believer of Me”**. (Journal 8, pg. 110) Oh how I praised God. What a day of rejoicing.

The prophecy was written down three days before it actually happened. If anyone should question that God actually spoke to me the journal can be produced and offered as proof. There are other similar prophetic Words spoken by God during my prayer time which have come to pass. Had it not been written there would be no actual proof.

A new and wonderful communication was developing and a much richer prayer life where I actually fellowship with God. As you can see God was definitely trying to get my attention and He was. (Finally)

Listen carefully. See if you know and recognize God’s voice. Listen and ask for God’s help in hearing and recognizing His voice. Oh what joy awaits you!!!

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An Audible Voice

Sometimes God Speaks In An Outer Or Exterior Voice

There are many examples of God speaking in a voice heard as a outer voice in the Bible and sometimes it is even described.

“And the *Lord God commanded* the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:” (Gen. 2:16) What a great relationship Adam had with God before he disobeyed Him.

“And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, *God called* unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I”. (Ex. 3:4) Notice that God waited until *Moses turned toward Him* and then He spoke.

“and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, which said “Thou are my beloved Son; in

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thee I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22) I pray that some day we may hear those same words.

Habakkuk states a problem and inquires of God and waits for His reply. **I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it: because it will surely come, it will not tarry.** (Hab. 2:1-3) Habakkuk said He would stand and watch to see. Observe that he was *watching, waiting* and *expecting* God to speak to Him. Should we do any less?

When we ask a question we should expect an answer. It's important to anticipate God's answer as we listen and wait for our response. Anything less than expectancy of an answer to our question or prayer would not be faith and must be displeasing to God. Scripture says it is impossible to please God without faith and if we believe we will receive. Jesus said whatever you ask in My name I will do it. Not to believe He will do what He said is insulting to Jesus who loves us so much that He came to die that we might spend eternity with Him. Is it any wonder so many prayers are not answered!? May we always walk in faith knowing that God will answer our questions and that He will grant our request.

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“And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Acts 22:7) As we read on we see that the people with Saul saw the light but did not hear the voice. In the next example everyone present heard the voice.

“Father glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered; others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, **“This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes:”** (John 12:28-30)

God is sovereign and we see that He chooses how He will speak to His children. He speaks to one or many at the same time. His voice has been described as thunder in the last example. In other instances His voice was described as being like many waters, a still small voice or simply as an audible voice.

One morning I *heard* my name called, **“Margie”** and **“Does it make sense?”** I looked to see who was talking but no one was there. (Journal 11, pg. 69) The voice was a man’s voice. The remaining dialogue was in the still small voice and in visions. God was sharing things about my future.

Sometimes we just need encouragement. God knew I was having a hard time and feeling discouraged. I

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heard a voice say to me: **“Keep on going, Margie.”**
(Journal 18, pg. 125)

I have recorded other times when God has called my name and a few other times when He has spoken to me in a voice where I actually looked to see who was talking and found no person in the house or where I was and know without a doubt that God had spoken to me. It is interesting that in the Bible I see more scripture on God speaking with this kind of audible voice than the inner voice and that He speaks to me most often with the inner voice.

I've heard it said many times that God gave us one mouth and two ears so we should listen twice as much as we speak but it seems we reverse this and most of us have the habit of interrupting each other or thinking about what we are going to say before the person finishes what they are saying. Unfortunately, some of us talk more than we listen to God also. My first assignment after God called me to serve Him in Jerusalem was to tell two people there to listen. I did not know these women and I was to go tell them that God had told me to tell them to listen for Him to speak to them. What will they think!? This is hard. I kept putting it off and finally told the one and it was OK. She received the message. The other one I put off until almost the last minute here in the states at customs. God was tugging at me. This is my last chance. I had to do it then or be disobedient to God. I walked around the baggage to the other side of the carrousel where she was. I told her God had told me to tell her to listen for an

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answer after she prays. She hugged me and was so thankful. I have since learned that when God instructs me to do something that it is good and not to delay. How I had agonized over this and learned a very valuable lesson. God ALWAYS knows what He is doing. He will find a way that He chooses to speak to us. It may not be the way we would choose or even something we want to hear but just to hear from God is so wonderful. I am thankful that God chooses to speak to me and/or use me in any form that pleases Him. I am also thankful when He speaks to others to give me a message. It is so important not to limit God.

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Dreams

What better time to talk to us than when we finally shut off all the distractions. I've heard recently of Jesus appearing to Muslims and others in dreams and they are being converted to Christianity. What a blessing.

Even though God speaks to us as is stated in the following scripture, a lot of people don't perceive or understand that it is God speaking to them. Others are so busy that they don't take time to be still and hear what God has to say to them. **"For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumbering upon the bed; Then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction." (Job 33:14-16) .**

"And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream." (Dan. 2:3) King Nebuchadnezzar could not remember his dream and asked for someone to tell him what he dreamt and then the Chaldeans spoke to the king saying **"tell thy servants the dream, and**

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we will shew the interpretation.” (Dan. 2:4) How could they tell him what He dreamt? Only through God could this be done and they were not men of God, however, Daniel was and when he found out why the king ordered that all the wise men be slain, **“Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.”** (Dan 2:16) *After Daniel and his companions prayed* **“Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision.”** (Dan 2:19) Note that *God waited for them to ask.* God not only gave Daniel the same vision that the king had but the interpretation.

The following dream was so important as God used it to warn and direct the actions of the Pharaoh and to save his country and others from famine. Without the proper interpretation of the Pharaoh’s dream many would have died and changed the course of history.

“And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: and, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat fleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow: And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and lean fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them: but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke. And I saw in my dream,

and , behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: And, behold, seven ears withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me. And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good kine are seven years: and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years: and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do He sheweth unto Pharaoh. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. *And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice: it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.*" (Gen: 41:17-32) In this dream God revealed what was to come and gave it twice so as to impress the importance. He not only told him what was to come but also what to do about it. This dream and Joseph's gift of interpretation changed the lives of many and the destiny of Nations.

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When Mary became pregnant with Jesus Joseph probably had questions about her fidelity. What should he do? Many times God will give us answers to pressing problems as we sleep. This dream is such a perfect example of that.

“But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.” (Matt 1:20-21) You will notice in this dream that God answered Joseph’s question and told him what to do. (Do not be afraid to marry Mary.) He also told him some very important information: *The baby was of the Holy Ghost, a boy, His name would be JESUS and He would be a Savior.*

One of my favorite dreams was two years after I accepted God’s call on my life. It was the night of Thanksgiving and even though I was asleep I believe it was more than a dream. I had worked all day mixing and pouring concrete by hand (approximately 22 bags) and gathering rock for a cement slab on which to put the statue of Jesus. My shoulder and neck hurt so much I could hardly finish but knew I had to fill the form, strike it off and trowel it to a nice finish that night before I could quit. I prayed for God’s strength and endurance asking Him for help to complete it so that it would not be ruined. After finishing and cleaning up I took a hot

shower and went to bed asking God to relieve the pain. As I slept I *dreamt* and I wrote this in my journal the next morning: **“I felt your angel coming and Linda, said “there is an angel coming.” It came from above and we were in the bedroom. I felt it come to me and put it’s right wing under my neck and then start moving me. I could only feel the power of it moving me as it held me and lifted me. It was dark and all I could see was the wing wrapped around me on the right side of me. It was so white and I reached over with my left hand to touch it. The feathers were so soft and so white. Oh how beautiful it was!!! When it brought me down and laid me back on the bed. Linda asked me something that I don’t remember and I told her I didn’t know as I didn’t see where he took me and all I could see was the part of it’s wing. I asked her if she could see and she said yes and pointed to a branch with no leaves or anything on it and said he took you there on the branch.”** (Journal 18, pgs. 157-158) It was so real except my daughter, Linda, was not there and there is no branch in my bedroom. When I awoke there was not a trace of pain in my body and God had healed me as I slept. God is so good. Sometimes God wants to reward us for our love and faithfulness. I received the message that He was pleased that even though I was in pain and could hardly move I finished the job. What a great delight and reward the dream was in addition to the healing. Awesome, Awesome God!!!

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At the time I had the following dream I did not understand the full impact it would have on my life and what it was really telling me and believe it was a vision in a dream. This was about five years before recognizing God's call and accepting it. Now several years later it is still as vivid as when I dreamt it. This is what I wrote: *"I remember the dream where I was in church. I know this was a vision from You. As I am sitting there someone speaks out and says **"How do you know it's God?"** I got very upset and thought **"That's blasphemy"** As I looked at the cross You moved and started to come off the cross. As I watched you came off the cross and you picked it up and started to carry it. It bothered me that You had to carry it and no one was helping so I got out of my seat and picked up the end and said, **"I'll help You"** and thought as I was lifting it that **"This isn't so heavy just carrying part of it."** (Journal 1, pg 2) Even though I was asleep when I said, **"I'll help You."** it has come to pass and I have devoted my life to God for the salvation of souls. As in actual life Jesus carries most of the weight.*

Think about the scripture at the beginning of this section. God spoke to me once in the seventh and eighth grade. Later on He spoke to me again about doing missionary work. I didn't understand it or perceive it. He gave me the above dream and as I slept I agreed to help Him and He sealed the instruction. (How true that scripture was in my case.)

The following is a series of 3 dreams, the same night, with one just running into the next or you might

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just consider it one dream with 3 different themes where God was teaching me something.

Dream #1 “Lord you showed these weeds, big and healthy that needed spraying but I was starting to be afraid to go in there because they were too big even though not as big as in the other areas where plants were growing and then I seen this huge snake with a yellow stripe down his back in the garden. It was huge. The snake was Satan of course and I love the yellow stripe on the back showing his true nature when he is around You. He was not dangerous just scary but would prevent me from getting rid of the weeds knowing it was there. Satan and the weeds would eventually destroy the garden if I didn’t spray those weeds.”

Dream #2 “I saw a bunch of weeds growing near the water and pulled out a couple. They had big leaves and were like seaweed and I was standing on cement which extended down into the water. The roots were shallow and they were easy to pull but got harder as they got out further. I looked over to the left and seen a pretty flower on one and decided to leave them for awhile until they finished blossoming as it was pretty.”

Dream #3 “Also at the end I saw a pretty praying hands plant and said how good it looked as I was standing above, looking down on it and then it started to move and the dirt and stuff around it started moving as if something was alive and tearing it up all around it. When it finished just the plant was standing there and I

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was asking what caused that and all that could be found was something they thought might be a worm or something.”

“The **first dream** shows how we let Satan take over and how the weeds (sin) take over our lives because we are afraid of what might be in there and we are afraid to go in and clean it out.”

“The **second dream** shows how some weeds or sin are easy to get rid of but others are more deeply rooted and we don’t want to get rid of them just yet as they are pleasant like the pretty flower.”

“The **third dream** I love because it is You coming in and tearing everything out by the roots under the ground so there is nothing left except the lovely praying hands plant. The praying hands will accomplish this if we will just ask you to do it for us and surrender to You. You will root all the evil out of us so we can live for you with no distractions or fear.” (Journal 9, pgs. 71, 72)

What a great lesson. God uses dreams for different purposes. They may be prophetic, warning, correction, teach lessons, give directives, solve problems, be healing, give a word of knowledge, etc. Some may be self-conditioned, brought on by fear or our emotions. God talks about dreams people brought about themselves. This list is not meant to be all inclusive but to give you an idea as to what to look for in a dream.

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Dream interpretation is too vast and complex of a subject to cover here.

I would like to point out a few things here that you should be aware of which may help you. All dreams are not from God. Some are from Satan and some can be self imposed. It is important to pray that God will protect your mind as you sleep and be in control of your dreams. A dream, if interpreted properly with God's help, can have a profound impact upon your life. It is so important to God that a large portion of the Bible deals with dreams. Ask God to bring your dream to remembrance if you don't remember them when you wake up. Lie there for a few minutes with your eyes closed to see what God will reveal to you. Ask God for the interpretation. Recording your dreams first thing in the morning is also important so you don't forget them. I have been recording my dreams for years and am amazed at all God has revealed to me in my dreams. God will honor your request and interest in what He has to say to you. God is pleased when we seek Him and is apt to give you even more dreams as He has me. When I wake up God impresses upon me the dreams of importance and I write them down. Some times I know the meaning of the dream right away but most of the time the significance and intended purpose is revealed by the Holy Spirit as I write or afterward. Sometimes He will take me back to dreams from several years back and reveal more about that dream when I have greater understanding or it is important to a current situation. There are questions you can ask yourself. What was the

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theme, what were you doing, what you were feeling, who was there, what was the focus, were you a participant or watching, etc.? I'm sure you get the idea. Remember God likes to use symbols or parables. Look for the spiritual meaning like in the last dream mentioned above which had three different themes. Talk to God and ask Him to guide you and educate you in dream interpretation. It is very important not to get discouraged if you don't get the interpretation right away. Keep pursuing and don't give up.

One of the greatest evangelists of today, an author of several books, shared a dream he had. His brother also had the same dream. His brother was crossing a deep gorge walking on a dangerous footbridge with no handrails. There was a fog in front of his brother and if he were to step into it he wouldn't be able to see. As he continued he fell and while falling he was yelling his brother's name. God told the evangelist he had to warn his brother who was not saved. His brother woke up sweating and in fear after his dream. He told God that he didn't even believe in God but if He was real and that dream was a warning to speak to him through his brother who did believe and served Him. After receiving a letter written by the evangelist his brother wrote back telling him the things that had happened and that he had the same dream and had given his life to Jesus. The power of God given dreams is awesome and to be revered.

In a recent study program we have been doing about dreams I have found that there is a great tendency

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to let first impressions be spoken out. Most often this leads to interpretation prejudiced in the soulish realm based on emotions, experiences preconceived ideas, pride, etc. based on worldly meanings. This can make the dream meaningless to what God had intended. Even though God often speaks to us through impressions it is very important to always look to God for the interpretation. Dreams can be for our own benefit or the benefit of others. It takes self discipline to always seek God and to ask Him for the message He is communicating and the meaning of the symbols.

It is important to remember that we all dream, dreams have purpose and that God wants to talk to you and very often will do it in dreams.

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Visions

God has used visions for many purposes. Their purposes and meanings are often similar to dreams. One purpose is to direct people such as the following two examples: In the first example Jesus appears to Paul and tells him to hurry and get out of Jerusalem for he was in danger and also God wanted Him to go and teach the gentiles.

“And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance: And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.” (Acts 22:17,18) **“And He said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.”** (Acts 22:21)

“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.” (Acts 16:9) Paul immediately went to Macedonia believing God wanted him to go there.

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Three days after Jesus had been crucified and buried the women came to the tomb and Jesus Had risen and was not there. Instead of finding Jesus, angels appeared to them and told them that Jesus was alive so they went back to tell His disciples what they saw and heard. **“And when they found not His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that He was alive.”** (Luke 24:23) This vision was given to inform them that Jesus had actually risen from the dead so there would be no question of what happened to His body and what they were to do.

I love when God gives the same visions to different people as it varifies and confirms, giving more credibility to them. When we look at Ezekiel and the vision he was given by the Chebar river and the vision given to the apostle John where they both describe the throne of God and the creatures around it, we have to marvel. Ezekiel verses 1 and 2 of the Old Testament and Revelation 4 of the New Testament are so descriptive and confirms God is real and there is a heaven. They both describe the firmament around the throne of God as beautiful clear crystal. They tell of the appearance of a man above the throne which has the appearance of fire and that the colors of the rainbow are around it. Ezekiel 1:28 states that **“As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.”** This is such a wonderful confirmation

and description of God and heaven and that it really does exist.

Under the topic Sometimes God Speaks Internally or With A Still Small Voice, I told how God called me to Israel. I was in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. I was standing in the middle of the room waiting for our leader and as I closed my eyes I **saw Jesus standing and the apostles sitting around the table. I then noticed one of them moving back and forth. It was the third one from the left. I then realized that the one moving was me.** (Nothing was said to me. I just knew or you might say it was *impressed upon me* that the person was me.) Later, while on the bus, **I asked God why I was the only one moving. He told me because all the others are with Him and can't do His work here on earth and He asked me to be His Apostle.** I said, yes, to God and told Him that He would have to do it through me because I did not know how or what to do. God made it clear that I could no longer be passive just because something wasn't affecting me. If it was wrong, I would have to speak up and try to save their soul. (Journal 1, pg. 15-16) God gently reminded me of a young man who was homosexual and who would often come over to talk to me. He respected me and would probably have listened to me. I had every opportunity to witness to him but did not. That young man had passed away from pneumonia. It was too late now to help him but not others.

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About a year later I was standing in front of my house and looked down at the small lake and I **saw Jesus standing down there**. He was dressed in a white gown and His hands were stretched upward. He looked like He was blessing the lake. (Journal 2, pg. 22) I knew that a statue was to be erected where I had seen Jesus and it was to look like the vision. I purchased a statue after a substantial search and installed it. The pouring of the foundation and the healing that took place were described under the topic of God Speaks Through Dreams.

One thing is certain when God wants you to receive a vision, dream, word, etc. you can not control it. You must see, hear or feel it. You know without a doubt that it is from God while it is happening. Satan may try to steal it afterward by putting doubt in your mind like the third example given under God Speaks Through His Holy Word or the following example.

On my second trip to Israel, with a group of pastors and ministers, a young lady was given a vision on the bus while on our way to Megido. *She saw light, felt the Holy Spirit move within her and was prompted to go to her Bible and read Luke 10.* This was confirmed in me because God had given me a vision of a vineyard with no laborers and a path coming to the vineyard and there was no one waiting to come in for the harvest. That is what Luke 10 is about. She said God shared with her that **He was preparing His people to pour out His Word as He poured out His Spirit upon us.** As the others toured the site I stayed behind as I felt God calling me to

be alone with Him. I stayed in the garden area and prayed and when I had got on the bus there were about six others. I asked the young lady more about the vision and as we were talking the others overheard and gathered around listening to our conversation. I told her “don’t let anyone steal that fire from you.” Just then one of our bus leaders who had less than an hour earlier given a wonderful presentation on trying to go beyond the natural started to walk down the aisle toward us rebuking her. He stated she was only a child, had to study the word more and that we didn’t know where that came from, etc. (Journal 32, pg. 12) You see how Satan wanted to steal these wonderful God given gifts.

If we pay attention, believe, stand firm and act upon what God gives us and do not harden our hearts but seek God, pray and listen, we will maintain our blessing. We are to love and encourage others to receive and move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. God says **“Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord *that steal my words*, every one from his neighbor.”** (Jer. 23-30) We should not let others discourage us and should always look to God, the highest authority, praying that God will give us confirmation and discernment. His word says **“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:”** (Is 55:6) Seek Him, listen, hold on to His vision and be victorious.

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Messengers

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:” (Joel 2:28)

In scripture we see so often where God has sent angels or prophets to deliver messages and He still does. Are you a son or daughter? The above scripture states that God will pour out His Spirit upon *ALL flesh*. We need to listen for the Holy Spirit to speak to us. If we desire the fulfillment of this promise we need to ask and expect to receive the Holy Spirit, have dreams and see visions. Dreams and visions are discussed more under their appropriate topic as we want to stay focused on God speaking through messengers here.

One message that most people are familiar with is when the angel appeared to Mary to tell the young Jewish girl that she would conceive a son by the Power of the Holy Spirit. He said that holy thing shall be called the Son of God. In reading Luke 1 verses 35 and 36 we see that the messenger did not just tell her about herself but that her cousin Elizabeth was with child and in her sixth month. He told her nothing is impossible with

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God. Both of these births were to fulfill the prophecies spoken by the prophets who were also messengers of God. The birth of the child to Mary's cousin Elizabeth was to fulfill the prophecy of the one who would be the forerunner of Jesus. The one who would be the voice in the wilderness declaring the coming of the Lord. The following is the record of the angel appearing and delivering the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist.

“And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.” (Luke 1:11-13)

God uses even the reluctant to deliver His messages. Jonah, the prophet, tried running from God when he was asked to give a message to the wicked people in Nineveh. He was given a second chance as God loved the people. **“And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.”** (Jonah 3:1-4) Due to Jonah going to Nineveh and the message delivered Nineveh repented and fasted and God did not destroy them. The whole city was saved because of that messenger.

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I was going through some hard times and I was thanking God for all His blessings and I had a *vision of the most beautiful white cloud and it had streamers flowing from it glimmering and shimmering brilliantly in the white.* I saw the streamers as blessings being sent from God. Later that morning I was doing my exercise while watching TBN and heard Dale Evans say “**God is sending a cloud of blessings on you and your children and I felt goose bumps and the Holy Spirit move in me.**” (Journal 1, pg. 114) See how God used Dale Evans as a messenger?

Four different people, none having met the other on four different occasions were given visions of a multitude of people here on the property. Two saw people in praise and worship of God. One witnessed the miracle of the loaves and fishes. (Journal 27, pg. 15) The other saw people on blankets, etc. eating. Five people have told me they have seen angels here and five have reported seeing Jesus here. These fourteen people were all messenger sent by God. Why do you think God has shown people these things? I believe it is to embolden me and to reinforce that it is God’s desire that this property be used as a Biblical Garden to make the Bible come alive. It is also my belief that when God speaks through another as a prophet it is something which the person receiving the message already knows and the message is confirmation.

This morning I was praying that God would guide me today to include everything He desired as examples and only that which He wanted me to include

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and to cast out all thoughts and everything not of Him so that His desire and purpose would be accomplished as I was writing this at His instruction. I picked up my Bible and it opened to *Ezra* and I immediately remembered what a prophetess, Linda, recently told me so I believe God wants me to include this. I have transcribed it exactly as it is on the tape so please excuse any grammar errors, etc. I was at a church and there was a guest speaker who was a prophetess. She and her associate had been working with others encouraging those with a gift of prophesy. At the end of the service they asked if anyone wanted to come up and be prophesied over. Here is what I wrote in my journal the next morning. "I asked you to have her call on me to be prophesied over if You had a message for me and she did. I thank you for the message. Some of the people have never seen me before like Linda and I have no more then said hi to the others so I know the words were from you." (Journal 12, pg. 104, 105) There were six people that spoke:

1. "I've seen you working on needlepoint. You've been working on it for years and years and years. You won't quit. You're very meticulous about it. Get every stitch Just right. You keep saying Lord, when can I put this down. You ask Him, Lord when can I finish this, when can I put it down."

2. "This is Kelly, I see you standing in a, in a fairly small yard but it's so beautiful. It's like there's a little house there and it's got a little white fence that surrounds the yard and then it's got an arched, I don't

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know what they call them. It's like a trellis, I guess and the beautiful roses are entwined over that. Big huge blossoms of roses on that and you're just standing in the middle of this yard and just beautiful plants are growing in this yard and I see you just standing there smiling and I don't know if the Lord has put you there or if that's your own hand that's cultivated that but that's what I see."

3 "I see a large group of people that are lost and um, the Lord loves them and He has no way to get to them but through you. You're the perfect access to them and He's going to use you mightily."

4 "Marge, this is Linda, um, I had just saw you as a scribe and the word **Ezra** came to me and I see you with many, many books and much studies and many years of the Lord under your belt so to speak and the Lord sees that and He's so extremely pleased with your walk and it's been a long walk and not easy. In fact you've wondered at times, you know, where is He and what is this about, but the Lord has seen every step you've taken and He's well pleased but that deep desire on your heart is being answered. It's being answered even now and you know that but you just needed a confirmation. Is that right?"

5 "I just see um, you know how in the desert how the ground cracks when it's so hot? I see a plant, like a flower and it's there and it's growing towards the sun and then it was like starting to lean over like it just

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couldn't take it. The heat, any more or being dry and then I just saw it being uprooted and I just saw it put into the ground where grass was growing and it was all soft and then, um, you were with other flowers and ah, and you ended up, they were all different flowers and they ended up all taking on qualities of you so you basically have, not infested but you know, the whole entire flower garden and they're all taking on qualities of you and you guys are all just stretching up towards the light or."

6 "This is brother Tom, ah, when you set down I just keep seeing the same word over and over. It's just hope. You know. The bible says there is faith, hope and love and I just hope that speaks something to you. Just hope."

You can see how God has brought others to confirm what He has already called me to do and impress upon me that it is His Perfect Will and desire. As the prophetess Linda stated, "you know that but you just needed a confirmation." My response was, "It's happening. Amen. Yes."

All messages received from someone should be prayed over and taken to God. Messages should edify, exhort and confirm. If it does not line up with God's word and is not a confirmation it more than likely is not from God.

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Circumstances

In Genesis we see the servant of Abraham, who was sent out to find a wife for Isaac pray that God would have the person that he was to choose do and say certain things so that he would know who to select. **“And he said O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness on my master Abraham. *Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink: and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac.*”** (Gen. 24:12-14) God spoke to show who He had chosen for Isaac’s wife by answering the servant’s prayer. (God had preselected a wife for Isaac) Can you imagine the difficulty of choosing a spouse for someone? We are not usually asked to do that but are often put in a circumstance to choose something for someone else. Maybe it’s a gift. Maybe someone has asked you to make a selection of something for them. We see here how willing God is to help us with decision making processes if we ask and trust in

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Him. The servant was expecting God to do what he asked and waited there for His answer.

A servant was cutting a tree by the Jordan River. The ax he was using fell into the water. **“But as one was felling a beam, the ax head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, master; for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee, and he put out his hand, and took it.”** (2 Kings 6:5-7) This was a miracle that defied the law of nature. What a wonderful caring God as He revealed that nothing is too hard for Him and nothing is too minor for Him to be concerned about. There are so many places in the Bible where God speaks into circumstances.

I had spent a couple of weeks trying to get a section of the garden sprinklers to spray properly and could not get any pressure. What is wrong I wondered? I tried everything I knew to do and was feeling a bit frustrated. This was all new for me as I had never had to do these things in the past. **“As I stood there I spoke out loud, ‘God you could make this so easy if you just would.’ I started walking up the hill and wondered why I was walking up the hill and what I was doing. I knelt down on the ground and started digging in the dirt with my bare hands. I uncovered a waterline and coupling, took it apart and saw the screen was clogged. After cleaning it I put it back together covered it up and turned the water on and**

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it worked great.” I marveled at what God had done and was amazed at what I was doing. He used this circumstance to show me that He does abide in me and that He will take control if we just surrender to Him.

There have been many times when God has done miraculous things in my life, when circumstance said I could not do something and God showed me He could. Here is just one more example. I was waiting for approval of a loan and did not have money for my bills that month. I received a check in the mail for \$2,800.00 from a source that had previously declined to pay me. Amazed and wondering what happened I decided to call the company. They informed me that the file had been transferred to another department and they issued the check based on the information contained in the file. (Journal 11, pg. 26) God had done it again. He is always faithful.

When circumstances look bad we are to: **“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.”** (Matt. 7:7) and **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.”** (Pro. 3:5) I can not begin to tell you how many times my circumstances have been changed when I have prayed, listened and watched with expectancy. If God will change my circumstance He will also change yours. Maybe God has changed your circumstances or that of others. Many have not recognized the hand of God and call it luck, chance or coincidence. I have come to believe that there are no

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coincidences in my life. God told me my life is His, therefore, I believe He is in control and has a purpose for everything I do and every one that is in my life. He is either using me or blessing me even if someone is just passing through. How about you? If we want God to continue working in our lives we need to give Him the thanks and praise recognizing that His hand at work is speaking into our lives. I believe it is prayer and faith that brings blessings and changes our circumstances. He is the all sufficient God and wants us to know that He can turn things around.

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Peace

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” (Col. 3:15)

I believe most of us have felt this peace and many do not recognize it. It is easier to recognize the unrest, that check in our spirit, the thing in the stomach, etc. Peace does not mean there is no conflict in the situation, it means there is no inner conflict. When I was asked to go to Korea for three weeks I felt without a doubt that I was to go and I knew God had work for me to do there. The trip was completely paid for and things happened that looked like the trip would be called off but I knew God had a plan and that He would bring it to pass. It was a wonderful trip. I ended up being a guest in the home of a wonderful family who had their friends take us sightseeing and entertain us while he and his wife were busy at school. God is so wonderful. I met many wonderful people and children and felt such love for them. My host said that I brought **peace** to him and his wife. (Journal 20, pg. 45) He told me he knew I prayed all the time and that my God answers my prayers. What a wonderful feeling to know that God had let them see miracles and feel His peace in their home.

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Another time where I felt this total peace and even a drawing or need to do something was when the announcement of a trip to Israel was received. Even though I had gone to Israel previously, I knew I had to go and God had a purpose for my going. The feeling was so strong that I was willing to cancel my health insurance, sell some antiques, and do whatever was necessary. I took the step of faith and sent in the \$500.00 for the down payment on the trip. A few days later I was amazed at receiving almost \$2,300.00. This happened in a period of two days and there were 7 sources of money which unexpectedly poured in. As I was praising and thanking God He spoke to me saying: *“This is my gift to you my child. I want you in Jerusalem now. It is your time. I will supply all your needs in my riches and glory as I have told you. Do not fear. You are doing fine.”* (Journal 31 pg. 294) O the glory of God!!! He is the All Sufficient God.

How can one not have peace when you know God is in control. People expressed concern about my going and for my safety, however, there was no fear present just total peace and anticipation. It is when we are not in harmony with God that we do not have peace. When this happens we need to go to prayer, sometimes we need to ask and other times just to be still and listen. When we do and we hear from God and we know we are doing His will we will have peace. There will be an uneasiness or check in our spirit when we are not to do something. If we have conflict within ourselves God tells us how to resolve it. **“Thou wilt keep him in**

perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because He trusteth in Thee.” (Is. 26:3) Just keep our mind on God and trust Him and we will have that perfect peace in our lives because we trust God in all things. Maybe it will take a little time to build up that trust. When we let this peace of God rule in our hearts our lives can be directed by God through the recognition of His peace, If there is inner peace we can proceed. If our inner peace is gone there is a problem and we need to look to God.

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Similitudes

“I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.” (Hos: 12:10)

“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.” (Matt. 13:35) Similitudes are likenesses, resemblances, images, parables, etc. God uses similitudes a lot in His teachings. You find them in scripture, dreams, and visions.

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can no nothing.” (John 15:5) How often I heard this scripture, read it and really never got the full impact. I chose this parable for a purpose as it has great meaning to me today. One day I saw a vision of a grapevine. The roots were exposed and fertilizer names were shown on them connecting to the vine and the branches. One short broken branch on the left, a tiny new growth on the top and a healthy branch on the right loaded with beautiful leaves and grapes. Almost instantly another grapevine flashed in my mind

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and in the roots were God's Word, Jesus was the stem or vine and we were the branches. The pictures were almost identical. What changed were the words on the roots and the impression or revelation I received. The broken branch was someone who knew the Lord but no longer followed Him nor was being fed. The tiny new growth on top was a new baby Christian being fed. The branch on the right was a mature Christian being fed by God and bearing fruit. The mature Christian bearing fruit had grapes or seeds falling to the ground and new plants or Christians springing up from the ground. I will write part of what the Holy Spirit revealed to me. "and since Jesus is the vine and we are the branch if we don't bare fruit there is no seed in anyone else for you to nourish and grow. If we are damaged by sin, Satan or don't feed on your word we can't grow so no fruit is produced and no one else is saved through us. We are stunted, dried up and if any fruit is put forth it is withered or rotted and of no value. There is no way for you to get to the end of the branch that blossoms and bears fruit but through us. The Father is the root with nutrients of wisdom, love, joy, peace and everything good being brought to us the branches through the vine, Jesus, to help us grow, blossom and bear fruit which is seed for others so that you can cause them to grow so you can use them also." (Journal 2, pgs. 72 & 73) Without bearing fruit, there are no seeds sown and without seeds there is nothing for God to nurture. It is our part in the salvation of souls to sow seeds and it is up to God to nurture and cause the seeds to grow. Luke Chapter 8 verse 11 tells us what the seed is. It says:

“Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.”

“I was lying in bed praying one night when a vision came to me of my fireplace and the candles I had lit there. All of a sudden by the left candle on the mantel a cross appeared with you, Jesus, hanging on it, a dove was by the one on the right and the big candle on the hearth I knew was my Heavenly Father. Instantly I had such a wonderful understanding of the Triune God. This explained the Trinity so well. There are three separate flames and when the three are put together there is only one fire but all three are still burning and intermingled. Truly ONE. I loved that. Then you, Jesus, started to come off the cross again as you did in my dream. I love seeing you and knowing you are alive.” (Journal 1, pgs. 4 & 5) I had heard all sorts of illustrations and examples of the Blessed Trinity but nothing ever explained it as well as this vision which God gave me. How often the Bible refers to God as a consuming fire, a devouring fire, the Holy Spirit appeared as fiery tongues above the apostles and other examples. God can make things so crystal clear in an instant. He is the perfect teacher.

One day while I was walking in the meadow, God directed me to go over to a tree stump by the small lake where I had felt evil and danger previously. The next morning I wrote the following in my journal. “As I did what you said and put Holy water on it and removed the bark to release the evil remaining and blessing the

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area I felt your presence...You said that the bark must be removed that the evil can be released. It is dark under the bark and all sorts of evil comes in, festers and grows like the nests, the termites, rot, etc. Just like our spirit where we allow Satan to come in and give us bad thoughts, etc. As we act on these thoughts they grow and we let more evil in and we start getting areas of rot and nests that keep growing and taking us over. We must become naked to the world and bare our soul as the bark is removed and the pulp is exposed to the light. The only way for healing and growth is your word. As the light from the sun caused the insects and vermin to flea after the bark is removed so your word causes evil and darkness to flea from us when we expose our soul without caring what others think. We become naked and die to the world and by dwelling in your word which is light we can not hide evil. Your light makes it so bright that Satan or his evil works can not dwell or grow in us as there is no place or darkness for him to hide. If there be any bark left we can go to you for more of your Word and light which will remove it. The more light we have the harder it is for Satan to come in and the closer we are to you and the image of Jesus. I praise you God for this word and give glory to you.” (Journal 2, pgs. 56 & 57)

If we don't recognize the spiritual meaning of symbols it is important to ask God to reveal them to us. When we hear or see the words Lamb of God most of us immediately think of Jesus. Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb slain for our sins. What does the dove symbolize? The Holy Spirit is right. The Holy Spirit came down in the form of the dove when Jesus was baptized. When

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Jesus spoke in parables or used similitudes the symbolisms were things familiar to the Jews at that time. Shepherds, sheep, vineyards, sowing of seed and kingdoms are a few examples. God uses things which are familiar and meaningful to whom He is speaking. He may use something entirely different for you and for me. Different cultures, backgrounds, geographical areas or occupations may require different symbols to be meaningful. Since God wants to speak to us He will make it understandable to the person to whom He is speaking. God wants our attention as well as our love and obedience. The more I meditate on the symbols given to me such as in dreams, visions, His Word, actual incidents like the stump example above or however he reveals them to me, the more revelation He gives me. He is the greatest teacher and if you will take the time to seek Him and listen you will be amazed at what He will reveal to you.

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Physical Feelings

Sometimes God physically touches you and you feel His presence. How marvelous this is. He may send what feels like electricity flowing through your body, Holy Ghost goose bumps, heat, tingling or other symptoms. I call this His glory or witnessing in some cases. There are times He may cause you to have the pain someone else is having so that you may know what and how to pray for them.

I will use an incidence of a person someone asked me to pray for as God used a lot of different ways of speaking to me. Only some of the highlights are used here. When a friend told me about Joyce she was in intensive care in the hospital needing a heart transplant. As I was hearing about her I felt tingling throughout my body and goose bumps broke out all over me. (They could see the bumps! They were almost solid on my body.). God impressed upon me to send her a gift. While shopping I looked at a plaque, “Footprints In The Sand” and felt tingling over my body again so I knew it was God’s choice. I bought it and gave it to her sister to give to Joyce. Each time her name was mentioned I felt

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an anointing and would often get tingling and goose bumps with it. I knew what to pray because I was given her symptoms when God wanted me to pray. On July twelfth as I was talking to God about His will and praying for Joyce, He impressed upon me that He brings them before me and puts on my heart what to pray. He directed me to my Bible and it opened to the following: **“This sickness is not unto death but for the glory of God that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.”** (John 11:4) On July twenty-seventh I heard God say: **“You’ve got it”** I said “Thank you.” and God Said: **“Joyce will be healed.”** I thanked Him again and He said: **“You’ve got it.”** (Journal 7, pg. 45, 46) At one point she had clinically died for about 10 min. and God brought her back. She was finally next in line for her heart and surgery was scheduled. A teenage boy was brought in who needed a heart immediately or he would die. It was her choice. His life was dependent upon her choice. She relinquished the heart that could save her life for the young boy. On August first as I was praying God spoke and said: **“Joyce is healed. She is saved. Thanks to you she even gave up the heart for the fifteen year old son of mine. She will be rewarded.”** (Journal 7, pg. 72, 73) On September eighteenth I was talking to God again about Joyce and among other things He told me: **“she is going to walk out of that hospital a walking, talking testimony.”** (Journal 8, pg 119) On October twenty-sixth Joyce was given another heart and was in surgery only eight hours instead of the expected twelve hours. She received a very healthy and compatible heart. (Journal 9, pg 128) Then there were more complications.

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At one time I called her sister to see what was going on as I had such severe pain in my chest and just below my throat. She said they had to cut and put in a trachea tube and cut a nerve. Joyce's lungs were filling up and she was struggling. Joyce started getting *visions* of the young man who was the donor of her new heart. The donor encouraged her to fight and told her it was a strong heart. On December sixth God told me **“When she gives her testimony she will be made whole.”** (Journal 10, pg. 98) and on January ninth God said: **“She is mine. She will serve me.”** (Journal 11, pg. 78) Now what do you think God did? Remember when God told me **she would walk out of that hospital a walking, talking testimony.** Well God made it happen. On September seventh to my delight Joyce's sister informed us that *Joyce was interviewed by a television producer out of New York.* The producer flew Joyce and her husband to New York to be on their television show. Since she had informed them of the visions they had laid out several pictures of young men about the age of the donor. When asked to identify the boy Joyce immediately picked out the heart donor's picture and said that's him. *She met the heart donor's parents on television. She testified that she had visions of the boy and that she was able to identify the donor's picture from the visions.*(Journal 17, pg 84) On the television program the mother told Joyce that her son had said that someday he wanted to go to New York. Is God faithful or what?!!! Remember where God said **she will be rewarded?!** *All expenses were paid to N.Y. The hospital wrote off the expenses that her insurance company didn't pay and she is still doing fine the last I*

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heard. The period involved was over a year. Intensive care, clinical death, surgery and months of hospitalization behind her, being forgiven tremendous doctor bills and hospital expenses and now with a new young healthy heart, Joyce had a life to look forward to. A friend had taped part of the interview. I rejoiced at what God had done as I watched, giving Him praise and glory. I am so in AWE of GOD.

This next incident describes the pain and feelings given to my daughter and myself on the same day. It is very graphic, however, it is essential and must be included. While praying I heard God say: “**Help save my unborn children.**” I went about doing my work and while in the Post Office started to cry and couldn’t stop. I then felt severe pain in the back of my neck and stomach and was very nauseous which continued throughout the day. My daughter, Linda, came to visit and when she got here complained of the same symptoms and said she had uncontrollable crying in the bank. She had even stopped at a crisis center to get some material, I found out as we were in our chapel praying. As we knelt and prayed together, Linda saw two angels with their wings touching over us. *God had given us both the same burden for the unborn children that were being killed.* The nausea and pain in the stomach where the baby is turned around to breech position and the doctor pulls it out being careful not to let the head come out and the back of the neck where the doctor enters with sharp scissors to make a hole and then sucks the brains out so the baby is dead and they then deliver it. (Partial Birth Abortion Procedure) These babies were not given

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anesthetic and there was no concern for them whatsoever. We not only prayed but got involved, speaking to others, visiting churches and speaking and obtaining petitions to stop partial birth abortion. (Journal 7, pgs. 129 & 130) **God wanted action. To show it's importance He spoke to two of us.** We knew without a doubt we had to do something. God directed us as to what to do. He showed us when and where to go.

From a sound sleep God woke me up at 3:00 a.m. I was sore and stiff and felt like I had been sleeping on something real hard. At first I wondered what was wrong with me and then I remembered the group who had gone to Mexico to do some mission work. This was part of my prayer: "If the pain is for my sisters and brothers in Mexico from poor sleeping conditions or whatever I ask you to cause it to leave them now and heal them for they are doing Your work. Heal them in the name of Jesus and make them whole. Give them rest as if they had slept a full night and that I claim for me also. Invigorate them with Your word and excite them. Help them rejoice and cheerfully do Your work." (Journal 18, pgs.126 & 127) I had been asked to go on this mission trip but did not feel it was God's will so I told them I would be prayer support for them. I asked God to bring them to my mind whenever they needed prayer. When they came back I asked Pastor Rick how their sleeping conditions were and he said they had slept on bunks that were made for them but they had no mattresses, just boards and they woke up

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refreshed and everyone worked cheerfully all day carrying buckets of concrete.

God had spoken to me by showing me their sleeping conditions through the soreness I felt. He impressed upon me what to pray for them and then refreshed them to the point that they could work cheerfully and be a great witness to those around them.

The above three examples show how God used pain to direct us. Perhaps you have felt the presence of God. Many tell me how they get chills and goose bumps but do not recognize that it is God speaking to them. You have probably experienced or witnessed the touch of God on people who can not stand in His presence. While I was in Jerusalem I was talking to a young lady and telling her of a vision God had given me. All at once the Power of God came upon her and she was lying on the concrete with tears flooding from her eyes. God had blessed her with His touch.

Many have felt the warmth and heat flowing through their body. Quite frequently when people are healed they report that they felt heat, tingling or warmth in their bodies. Some report feeling it throughout their body and others feel it in the problem area that God was healing.

Perhaps you are feeling His presence as you are reading this. Quite often people tell me they feel tingling, or other feelings when I am speaking to them. One night a woman came to my door and wanted to talk

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to me about something. She no more than came through the door than she was touched by God. She said she felt tingling throughout her body and I explained it was the Holy Spirit. This continued for the couple hours we talked. Before leaving she asked me to pray for her. After I prayed she said that while I was praying she felt like she was floating. The next morning she called to thank me and said she woke up and was walking without pain for the first time in years. Praise God. He is Awesome. I told her she was welcome but needed to be thanking God instead of me.

There are times when I pray for others that I don't feel anything as in the above situation. There are also times when I know God is healing someone or wants to do something special in their lives because I feel Him send electricity through my body. One night while at a church praying for the healing of people. I knew which ones would be healed before it happened as I felt heat and electricity throughout my body. God was speaking to me. It was a powerful move of God and we saw many miraculous healings. One woman had one leg which was over an inch shorter than the other. This had caused her to have back problems. As we prayed, the power of God moved in her and we actually saw her leg grow.

One day as I was talking on the telephone with a friend, she told me she wished she had the relationship with God that I had. I asked her if she wanted me to pray for her. She hesitated and then said yes. I prayed a

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prayer and asked the Holy Spirit to come upon her and to show His presence in a way that she would recognize it was God. There was a period of moaning and silence. Not being able to see what was going on I kept asking if she was alright. She then told me she felt like she was in the hottest water she had ever felt and then the greatest peace she had ever known or experienced came over her.

It is a wonderful gift to be touched by God. There is nothing can compare to the feeling of His Awesome presence.

God is so real and He loves you very much. If you have never felt His presence I encourage you to ask God to touch you now. Pray and seek Him for He is waiting for you. It is His desire to bless you. Matthew chapter 7 verse 7 says to ask and we shall receive, seek and you shall find and knock and it shall be opened to you. God's Word is truth and says that whatever we ask in the name of Jesus we shall receive if we believe. Oh the glory of His presence. What a blessing.

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I could include a whole lot more because I love to talk about God and how great He is. What better way than to testify as to what He has done. I would also love to have elaborated on the lessons He has taught me in the examples given. Yes, God has done great things for me and I am faithful and obedient to write this book because He has told me to. I write it also because I think about how many years I spent just loving, serving and knowing my Lord but not communing with Him in fullness as we are meant to do. How much I missed and how much many of you are missing.

God has been speaking to a lot of you as you have been reading this. No matter where you are in your life or what your occupation is God can make a difference. He can give your life more meaning, put power in it and give you peace and joy. We are all at different stages in our walk with God. Let's first address the fact that there may be some of you who do not know Jesus as Lord of your life. Some of you may have asked Jesus into your heart and know about Him but you do not truly know Him. You may not spend time with Him or read His word to become more familiar with Him. If we are to fellowship with God we must accept that Jesus is Savior and Lord of our life. The Bible says: **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever *believeth* in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** (John 3:16) and **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth**

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the Lord Jesus, and shalt *believe* in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Rom. 10:9).

Do you want Jesus to be your personal Savior and to live in you? If you are willing to take that step of faith you can simply pray this prayer. Jesus, come into my heart. I believe that you are the Son of God, that you died and rose again from the dead. I confess that I have sinned and I repent. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and I receive your eternal life. I ask you to be Lord of my life. Praise God for if you said this prayer and meant it you are now a born again child of the Living God. You have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

Jesus spent many hours alone with His Father in prayer and I imagine a lot of that time He spent listening. We can all learn to be better listeners. When we read about Jesus we see that he went off and prayed before He did great things.

There is so much we can learn from the scriptures as to what is important and How we can hear from God. There are a few things which stand out: Jesus' ministry started when He was baptized in the Holy Spirit. The disciples were all praying and in one accord when the Holy Spirit came upon them. What a notable change! They had miracle working power and no longer feared. They were willing to die for what they believed. So what does this tell us? We are to pray and we need the Holy Spirit to live in us and communicate with us. As in all relationships communication is of

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utmost importance. To communicate we must listen. If we do all the talking we never find out about the other person and what their concerns and desires are.

Some of you have never received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Bible says. **“You have not because you ask not.”** You may simply ask our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus to fill you with the Holy Spirit as He did Jesus and His apostles and ask Him to confirm it with peace, and/or some sign that you may recognize His presence.

Before Jesus left the earth He said: **“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”** (John: 14 13-18) **“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”** (John 14:26)

Isn't this a wonderful promise!?! And it belongs to us. God loves me and He loves you. He only requires

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that we *believe* in Him, that we *obey* Him and *ask* of Him. He is no respecter of persons. **“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.”** (Acts 10:34) If He will speak to me, He will speak to you. Ask Him to speak to you now in a way that you may clearly and concisely know it is God speaking to you. *God has promised to teach us all things and to do so He must speak to us.*

It is important to note also that in the previous examples given God did not just speak to me. He spoke to others also. Remember under the heading **God Speaks Through Messengers** what the #4 prophecy was? The girl said there were all different flowers and they were taking on qualities of me. The flowers, of course, are people. The people around me and that I was praying for started having visions also. God gave four people visions of multitudes of people here on the property, five people were privileged to see Jesus and five more have seen angels. These are only some of the visions and words God gave to others. There are more like the vision God gave of the heart donor telling Joyce to fight and that it was a strong heart. God used those visions of the boy to encourage and strengthen Joyce. The six people prophesying over me were given visions or words from God. The fourth person, Linda saw me as a scribe with many books. I have written forty-nine journals and am on my fiftieth and do have many other books. This is a small sample, however, you can see God is still speaking to His children today.

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How to know when it is God is another subject. A good guideline is that when God tells you to do something you have peace about it and He will never tell you to do anything that is bad or evil. It may not be what you want but you know in your heart that it is from God. Your mind may fight it but you will know it is what God wants you to do. When I see God is telling me to do something I do not want to do, but it can help others, then I am even more convinced that it is from God and have more peace about it because I know if I am obedient He will bring it to pass. My first assignment is an excellent example. I did not want to tell those people to listen. I was apprehensive and kept putting it off. There was no internal conflict as to whether or not to do it as I knew it was from God, my problem was one of not wanting to be rejected or being concerned about what they would think.

The few examples I have given here are from a span of seven years since God has called me and I gave my life to Him. From these examples we can see that God will edify, exhort, warn, direct and so much more. For the most part when God speaks to us it is not just for us and it is meant to help and edify others. God has changed me over the years and He is not through with me yet. God has definitely changed the desires of my heart as He has revealed Himself to me and I have experienced His faithfulness. He has taught me much and changed my life.

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God has a plan for your life. A good plan and it's to prosper you and give you life more abundantly as His Word says. Seek Him, listen, pray and watch. Allow God to speak into your life, to direct you and prosper you.

I strive and look forward to the day when I will see the answer to the prayer Jesus prayed for us. **“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their work; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou has sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”** (John 17:20-23) To have the same relationship with God the Father as Jesus the Son had when He walked on earth. Wow! Just think this is only a foretaste of what it will be when we are freed of these earthly bodies and are joined with Him in Heaven.

God's Call And A Personal Word of Thanks

I would be remiss if I did not thank God for the honor of being called to serve Him, to write this book and for changing my life.

When I was in Jerusalem God touched me in a way that changed me forever. My faith exploded. I walked where Jesus walked and was baptized where He was baptized. I saw Jesus and He spoke to me. I could barely stand at times as His presence was so strong. I was in the garden where Jesus prayed for us, where He was crucified and where He was buried and resurrected. I came back a person knowing a God that is alive and loves us more than we could ever love Him. God became so real to me and I had agreed to serve Him. This was only the beginning of a new life.

One night God woke me up in the middle of the night and let me feel the pain He feels for His lost children. I cried uncontrollably for hours. When I got up that morning I designed a T shirt with a cross that says, "It was not in vain you have me" and I made several wearing them everywhere. God was birthing a passion and love for the lost in me. He tore my heart one morning during prayer when He gave me a vision of a lost soul standing in the dark. The shape was of a body

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which was black and looked like burnt marshmallow. I could see the insides were red hot burning coals as it tried to speak. I will never forget it. It is burnt into my mind and heart and I felt God calling me into full time ministry. About four years after the vision in Jerusalem and God calling me to serve Him, Pearl Gates of Heaven Ministries was established and my property was deeded over to the ministry to be developed into Mount Zion Biblical Garden.

I give You the praise and honor my LORD for You are the reason I have written this. Without You there would be nothing to write about for You are the one who did all that I have experienced and recorded. I owe you my life and I will do whatever and go wherever You lead me as I couldn't and wouldn't want to live without this wonderful communion I have with You, my Loving God.

About the Author

The author was born on a farm in Wisconsin and was number nine of ten children. Margaret, her husband and three children moved to California in 1976.

With a great love for children it was natural to take in a child or someone in distress to help them through their difficult time. Jensen's home was always open to neighboring children, their children's friends and to those in need. There were usually extra children attending their weekend outings. They hosted foreign students and there was always room for another friend or stranger.

Even though working, and caring for a family Margaret still found time to mentor high school students, continue her own education and help those who were sick, old or in need. She has been an activist for homeless, underprivileged and unborn children for years. She has held offices and been actively involved in professional and community organizations.

Margaret worked in Risk Management and the insurance industry for over seventeen years. She was part of the start up team which set up the Space Shuttle Company in Florida and was involved in the establishment of other companies. Margaret founded and operated Gold Prospecting Adventures. It was during that time when God called her to serve Him.

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After ten years she closed the business to answer God's call and went into full time ministry.

It was after they purchased the property currently known as Mount Zion Biblical Garden in Vallecito, California and she had started the gold prospecting business that her life took a major turn. The American Dream that she was living the majority of her life started to crumble. There came attacks from every direction. During those almost unbearable times she drew even closer to God. It was then that she wondered what God had in store for her. She told God He must have something really big that he is preparing her for to have to go through all that she was experiencing but really had no idea of what lay ahead of her.

Little did she know God was about to take her to the Nations, use her to heal the sick and to win souls for His Kingdom.

God did have big plans which He revealed to her in the following years. It was after her trip to Jerusalem when God had called her for the third time that her life would be changed forever. God's plan would require total submission and great sacrifice. A walk of faith letting God direct her and depending upon Him to accomplish the visions He has given her.

Margaret has received the Congressional Medal of Distinction, numerous honors and awards including International Leaders in achievement, International Peace

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