

## His Unexpected Voice

**Day One** – Read John 10:3-5; 25-30; Revelation 3:20. Do you have an assurance that God not only still speaks today but that He wants to speak to you? God speaks through His Word, His Spirit, His people, events and situations, nature, and through some means that can be described as miraculous. God wants to communicate to you His love and care and provide help and direction. When was the last time that you sensed God was speaking to you? What was it about?

Pray and ask God to give you the “ears to hear” what God is wanting to say to you. Find a time of quietness and spend time just listening to God. It will be the best investment of time you could possibly make.

**Day Two** – Read Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Peter 3:15; Ephesians 4:29; Philippians 2:14-15. Who is someone that you need to spend time with and encourage and share God’s love with? Jesus gives us an example of crossing barriers and speaking to people, who a Jewish man living in the first century would not normally do. Is there anyone you have a sense that God is moving you to reach out to and share the love of God with that is not part of your group?

Pray and ask God to give you an open door to share the love of Christ with someone who is not part of your normal contacts. Pray and ask Him to use you to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to someone who looks different than you, is from a different place than you, and who maybe even doesn’t speak English as well as you.

**Day Three** – Read Philippians 4:6-7; 4:19; Matthew 7:7-8; Hebrews 4:14-16. When God speaks to us it is to express His love to us and to give to us those things we truly need from Him. What do you need to hear from God right now in your life? Do you need His voice of hope, grace or comfort during this season you’re going through?

Pray and ask God to give you what you need and acknowledge to Him that you don’t always know what that is. Pray and ask God to build up your trust in Him and to give you an open heart to receive from your loving Heavenly Father whatever He needs to give you.

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## ***“His Unexpected Voice”*** ***Unexpected: Following Jesus #3***

### **1. His Voice Brings Hope: The Samaritan Woman**

**John 4:4-10 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

**John 4:15-18 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” <sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

**John 4:25-29 (NIV)** <sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

**John 4:39 (NIV)** <sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

**Jeremiah 31:17a (NASB)** <sup>17</sup> "There is hope for your future," declares the LORD ...

## **2. His Voice Brings Grace: Jesus Blesses the Children**

**Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)** <sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)** <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

**Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

## **3. His Voice Brings Comfort: Jesus Announces His Departure**

**John 14:1-6 (NIV)** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the

way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**John 14:16-20 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. <sup>18</sup> No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. (John 15:26; John 16:7)

**Acts 1:6 (NIV)** <sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NLT)** <sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. <sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. <sup>5</sup> For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

**Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)** "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen

**Concluding Prayer:** "Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to Thee, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." Let me hear Thee speaking in my heart. Let me get used to the sound of Thy Voice, that its tones may be familiar when the sounds of earth die away and the only sound will be the music of Thy speaking Voice. Amen." — A.W. Tozer, "The Pursuit of God"