

God Speaks Today

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Our Legacy: (Each statement we make with a smile.)

- 1. God speaks today**
- 2. Scriptures are God Breathed**
- 3. Jesus loves us and died for us**
- 4. Faith is hearing God then obeying**
- 5. Holy Spirit is God in the man**
- 6. Freedom, The Little Red Wagon**
- 7. Male leadership exalts the woman**
- 8. Holy Fire Tools are Gifts of the Spirit**

Embracing these truths will enable us to dismantle, neuter, and defeat anything Satan throws at us. These messages redirect the conversation to Jesus who holds the answer to all questions of mankind.

#1 God Speaks Today

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

God says, “Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

This is an absolute truth. When we are seemingly standing alone against the lies of this dark world, we know that God who created all things and who has dominion authority over all things speaks to us. As an unbeliever in a hopeless destitute situation, I cried out to God, and HE change my situation in 24 hours. God moved on my behalf. No one can take that from me, and no one can change my mind. Much like the blind man who Jesus healed, I proclaim, “One thing I do know, I was blind, now I see.”

God has touched each one of us. HE spoke to us in a way that got our attention. Some way God has communicated that HE is real. In the OT, the LORD came and called Samuel's name. God simply called out, "Samuel!" In some manner each of us has heard HIM call our name. And like Samuel in some way, we answered, "Speak LORD, for your servant hears." We rejoice in our special relationship with God.

Deuteronomy 4:7 (ESV)

For what great nation is there that has a god so near to them as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

We have access to the God of creation. No one else in the world has a relationship with God like ours.

John 8:47 (ESV)

Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.

In this dark world God speaks to us, HIS people!

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession.

We are to live as the chosen of God and invite others to join us in that special relationship. We are not here to argue every question Satan has to offer. We are here to offer others a living relationship with God who hears us and speaks to us.

However, God touches HIS people before we even speak to them. In Corinth Jesus spoke to Paul:

Acts 18:10 (ESV)

I am with you for I have many in this city who are my people.

Jesus spoke to Paul and told him that HE had already touched people's hearts, and they are ready for Paul to give them the gospel. God speaks! Then Paul declared to the Corinthians, "I know nothing but Christ and HIM crucified!" In the same way God spoke to Paul, HE continues to speak to us. Jesus will open the hearts of those who are HIS people.

Acts 16:14 (ESV)

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia. ... The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

In this living communication with God, we with our own free will respond to HIS touch. Just as God speaks to us and touches our heart, HE also will continue to reveal HIMSELF to us. In the same manner, we first received Jesus, we continue to walk in that same attitude of trusting and listening to HIM.

Colossians 2:6 (ESV)

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to walk in him.

Primarily, God speaks to us through HIS Word. All things of God are consistent with the Scriptures.

As we read the Scriptures Jesus HIMSELF will give us divine understanding of the things of God.

Luke 24:32 (ESV)

They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

As we read the Scriptures, we recognize that Jesus is specially speaking to us when at any point our hearts burn with in us. Jesus will set our hearts on fire. Once I was reading the Bible during a impossible and lonely situation when I read:

Romans 4:17 (ESV)

(God) who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Based on this word from God for me, I was able to persevere. However, there is no way to list the multitude of the ways God speaks to people. Example from Moses and the burning bush to the donkey talking to Balaam. But the fact remains, form the beginning of time God spoke and HE still speaks today. As God’s chosen people, we nurture, cultivate, and ask again, “Speak LORD your servant is listening.”

Our Legacy #1 – God Speaks Today

Jesus said:

John 10:27 (ESV)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.