

#### Life's Purpose Is to Know God!

# A real relationship with God is a two-way conversation.

#### **Emotions Reflect Who God Is**

**God loves.** 1 John 4:8; John 3:16, Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 5:8

God expresses joy. Zephaniah 3:17, Isaiah 62:5, Jer 32:41, Neh 8:10

God rejoices. Isaiah 62:5, Isaiah 65:19

**God laughs.** Psalm 2:4; 37:13: Proverbs 1:26

God has compassion. Gen 19:16, Ex 33:19, Ps 135:14, Jdg 2:18; Dt 32:36

God grieves. Genesis 6:6; Psalm 78:40, Isaiah 63:10

God gets jealous. Exodus 20:5; Exodus 34:14; Joshua 24:19

God gets angry. Psalm 7:11,106:40; Isa 65:19, Deut 9:22; Romans 1:18

God hates. Proverbs 6:16; Psalm 5:5; Psalm 11:5

#### **Ways Holy Spirit Speaks**

- 1. **Holy Scriptures** Acts 8:32, 17:11, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21
- 2. **Prayer** Psalm 34:4, Habakkuk 1 & 2
- 3. Still Small Voice 1Kings 19:12, John 10:4
- 4. Worshiping and Fasting Acts 13:2-3
- 5. **Audible Voice** 1Kings 19:13, Matthew 3:17, 17:5, Acts 8:29, 9:4-5
- 6. Prophecy through God's People Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17, 21:9-11, 28:25
- 7. **Circumstances** Acts 18:1-3, John 5:17-20, Job 42:1-6, 1Thess 5:16-18
- 8. Our Conscience Romans 9:1
- 9. **Angels** Acts 8:26, 12:7
- 10 Visions/Pictures Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17, 10:13,19, 16:9, Rev 9:17
- 11. **Dreams** Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17, Psalm 16:7-9

## **Hindrances to Hearing Holy Spirit**

- **1. Pride** James 4:6
- **2. Prayerlessness** 1 Samuel 12:23, James 4:2, John 15:7-10
- 3. Unbelief/Doubt James 1:5-8
- 4. Sin/Hardened Heart Psalms 66:18, Isaiah 59:2
- **5. Unforgiving Spirit** Matthew 5:23-24
- **6. Distractions** Matthew 6:24, Psalm 46:10
- 7. Ignoring God's Word Proverbs 28:9
- **8. Selfish Prayer** James 4:3
- 9. Lack of Persistence Luke 11:5-13
- 10. Not Waiting on God Psalm 38:15

### **Discerning the Voice of Holy Spirit**

- 1. Does it agree with God's Word? Acts 17:11-12, Lk 21:33, 2 Ti 3:14-17
- 2. Does it lead to truth? 1 John 4:5-6
- 3. Does it make me more like Messiah? Philippians 2:5 1 John 2:6
- 4. Does it acknowledge Messiah has come in the flesh? 1 John 4:2
- 5. Does it bring glory to Jesus Messiah? John 16:14
- 6. Does my church leadership confirm it? 1 Corinthians 14:29-32
- 7. **Does it bring God's peace?** 1 Corinthians 14:33 Colossians 3:15
- 8. Does it convict rather than condemn? Jn 16:8-11, Rom 8:1, Rev 12:10
- 9. Does it produce righteousness, peace and joy? Romans 14:17-18
- 10. Does it give power, love and self-control? 2 Timothy 1:7

# Is your <u>hear</u>t <u>hear</u>ing the voice of Holy Spirit?

### **Learning to Hear the Voice of Holy Spirit**

**Be born of the Spirit.** John 3:3,7

Get alone. Matthew 6:6, Luke 5:16, Habakkuk 2:1

Confess your sins to God. 1 John 1:9

Ask God to speak. James 4:2, 1 Samuel 3:9-10

Check your motives. James 4:2

Fast periodically. Matthew 6:16-18

**Meditate on Scriptures**. Psalms 1:2-3, Joshua 1:8

**Be still and know God**. Two-way conversation Psalm 46:10

Write what God reveals. Hab 2:2, Nu 33:2, Jer 30:2-3, Rev 1:19, 3:3

**Obey what God reveals to you.** James 1:22

Confess your sins to one another. James 5:16

Tell others what God has done. Psalm 66:16

#### 7 Times in the Gospels and 8 Times in Revelation...

Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." Mark 4:9 NIV See Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 43, Mark 4:9, 23, Luke 8:8, 14:35

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. <sup>21</sup> To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 3:22 NIV

See Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22, & 13:9