

## HEARING GOD

*And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it." - Jeremiah 1:11-12*

### Auditory

- **Voice of God**  
The audible voice of God spoke to Saul on the Road to Damascus. The sound occurred in the physical realm and was distinguishable to the intended hearer.
- **Words of God**  
Elijah heard the words of God in a "low whisper." It may not have been audible in the physical realm, but the words were distinct and clear.
- **Scripture**  
The Bible is the word of God, and the Holy Spirit continues to speak to us by inspiring the words.
- **Trusted Advisor**  
The word of God can come through a trusted advisor, such as a pastor, elder, teacher, or spiritually mature friend. This can happen in real time or by recall.
- **Prophet**  
God may speak to you through the voice of His trusted messenger. God seems to use prophets when His intended audience is unable or unwilling to hear directly.

### Visual

- **Pictures or Scenes**  
A snapshot or mental image with personal meaning.
- **Visions**  
A picture or scene that may include movement and the passage of time. Often a vision contains elements that are highlighted or stylized for emphasis.
- **Dreams**  
Spontaneous observations or memories that arise but have no rational constraints.
- **Memories**  
When we ask God to reveal the origin of an emotion or belief, it is common that He brings a memory to someone's mind.

### Kinesthetic

- **Sensation or Feeling**  
Kinesthetic or tactile people may hear from God through a sensation, such as warmth or tingling.
- **Body Memory**  
A memory can be stored in the organs of the body and brought to the present by the touch of God.
- **Strong Emotion**  
A strong emotion, especially one with a sudden onset, can be an answer from God.

### Inspiration

- **Sudden Recall**  
An answer may have been lost in your mind or blocked by other thoughts, but suddenly it is brought back into the forefront of your thinking.
- **Insight**  
An "Aha Moment" that was not arrived at logically or through reasoning.
- **Epiphany**  
An epiphany is an inspiration that comes like a flash of light, an idea born from God.