

# School of Prayer—Hearing His Voice

“ It is like remembering something you have never known before”

## How Does a Child Learn Communication

- **Repetition** –repeated exposure-face time
- **Simplicity**—come, follow, obey, no—conviction
- **Importance**—level of desire
- **Need**—ask...receive, our asking=His actions
- **Imitation**—say what you hear others say—Lords 'Prayer
- **Preparatory**—line upon line, stages, familiarity
- **Willingness**—the power of the mind to decide and do
- **Comprehension**—will we hear discipline as love punishment
- **Sophistication**—emphasis; nuances; sense and discernment
- **Fluent**—flowing smoothly; easily

## Keys for Hearing His Voice

<b>Become accustomed to it</b>	John 10:1-16
<b>In stillness</b>	Ps 46:10 Job 33:29-33
<b>Respond when He tries to get Our attention</b>	Ex 3:1-6
<b>Yield our senses to His purposes</b>	Mk 4:24 Matt 16:13-23
<b>Increased relationship</b>	Is 28:9-12 John 15:14-15
<b>Becoming Listeners</b>	James 1:19-25 Is 28:23
<b>Acting in Obedience</b>	Is 30:20-21 Is 50:4-5 Ps 103:20 I Sam 15:22-23
<b>Abiding</b>	John 10:1-17

John 15:7-11

**Being 'of the truth'**

John 18:37  
John 8:43-47

**Worship, prayer, fasting**

Acts 13:1-2

**Responsiveness to the Spirit of God goes through stages:**

**Initial:** There is a change of 'belief'—introduction to the possibility that He speaks—wants to communicate with you. This challenges our independence—reliance on knowledge

**Continual Abiding:** Need; recognition of the difference between His works and yours—strength of soul vs Life of the Spirit—understand dependency

**Fluent:** Intimate knowing of the Person of the Holy Spirit—not fooled—wisdom—complete dependency

**'Out of country' experience:**

**Proximity**—who do you surround yourself with—others who speak the same language?

**Familiarity**—distinction of words, sounds, voice, tone

**Frequency**—How often do you make an opportunity?

**Need to Know**—not best time, but greatest motivation

**Want to Know**—desire will make room

**Desire for friendship/fellowship**—relational motivation

In order to qualify as the voice of the Lord—a thought, perception, or other experience should agree with scripture.

Hearing God makes sense only in the framework of living in the will of God.

It is not that we lack the experience of 'hearing'—but lack the language to describe how our experience works.