

HOW GOD TALKS TO YOU

INTRODUCTION: Dr. Billy Graham, "GOD IS DEAD" (Time Magazine

Job 33:14 (NCV) "God does speak, sometimes one way and sometimes another, even though people may not understand it."

- The problem is our _____.

THREE WAYS GOD SPEAKS TO US

1. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH _____.

II Timothy 3:16-17 (LB) "The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point."

- "by inspiration" = God _____.
- The number one way God speaks is through _____ quiet time.
- The Bible is your _____ to your life.
- Wednesday's Lenten theme "40 Days with Jesus" Read __ chapter.

2. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH GIFTED _____.

I Thessalonians 2:13 (LB) "When we preached to you, you didn't think of the words as being just our own, but you accepted it as the very Word of God... which, of course, it was... and it changed your lives..."

- Preachers hear comments: Have you been reading _____?

I Corinthians 2:13 (TEV) "We do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths.."

- The more teaching you _____, the more _____ talks to you.
- Pigging out in one day each week = spiritual _____.
- Impressions coming into your mind must always match _____.

3. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH _____.

Proverbs 20: 30 (TEV) "Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways."

- We change not because we see the light but only because we feel the _____!

Psalms 119:67, 71-72 (LB) "I used to wander off until You punished me; now I closely follow all You say... The punishment You gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to Your laws."

- Pain is God's _____.

TWO REASONS IT IS IMPORTANT TO HEAR GOD SPEAK

1. IT ASSURES ME I AM IN _____.

John 10:14,16 (Ph) "Jesus said, 'I know those who are mine and they hear My voice.'"

- Daily communication builds your _____ with Jesus
- When you only know about Jesus, you have a _____.

2. IT PROTECTS ME _____.

Job 33:17-18 (LB) "God speaks... causing them to change their minds and keeping them from pride... and from falling into some trap."

Hebrews 3:15 (NIV) "Today, if you hear God's voice speaking to you, do not harden your heart against Him."