



## How To Hear The Voice Of God.

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***The sheep follow the shepherd for they know His voice.*** (John 10:4) To hear His voice is one of the most wonderful things that we as humans can experience here on earth. In John 10 *we are likened unto sheep following the shepherd and hearing His voice.* That tells us that **every Christian can hear and know the voice of the Father.**

I am frequently asked: ***“How can we discern between His voice and other voices?”***

***The Word of God is quick (alive), powerful,*** and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is ***a discerner (judge) of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*** (Hebrews 4:12)

***The Word is the Father speaking to us and that Word will change us as we spend time with it.*** Then and only then *can we learn to discern between the Father's voice and other voices.* This is the main reason for “Föda för ditt Hjärta” (Food for the Heart). To help and ***encourage artists to hear and know God's voice on their own,*** and thereby know His will in their, sometimes, difficult situations. I will even take it a step further, ***He is calling us to be His voice, prophetic artists.***

We are not claiming to know it all or to be perfect in our doctrine, for ***the Word says that we go from glory to glory,*** but we are simply and honestly ***sharing our hearts and thoughts in trying to bless those that hunger and thirst for a closer walk with the Father.***

As a child I hungered for that intimate walk as I could see it in the life of my own father. For him it was more than going to church or a religious doctrine, it was a ***personal, daily relationship with his heavenly Father.***

The children of *Israel heard the voice of God* and were terrified. *Samuel heard the voice of God* and did, in the beginning, not know what it was. *Paul heard the voice of God* and obeyed it which, in turn, ***changed his life and countless numbers of other lives through him because he walked and talked with God.***

Sometimes that voice is ***still and small.*** Sometimes it's ***like thunder.*** Sometimes it's just ***a peace or a knowing in the heart.*** But it is ***always to the heart*** that God speaks. ***The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord*** (Proverbs 20:27). ***There is where we find the light and revelation from the Father. There is where we find the voice of God. It is in our born-again and spirit-filled hearts.***

Here are ***a few*** of the things that the Father has showed me ***that can help us as prophetic artists to become more sensitive to His voice in our daily walk with Him:***

1. ***Spending time in the Word*** and meditating on it. Psalms 1:2
2. ***Renewing our mind*** by thinking and speaking God's Word, not thoughts and words that are against His Word. Romans 12:2
3. ***Being open to change.*** Isaiah 43:18-19
4. ***Praying in the Spirit*** and speaking in tongues. Romans 8:26-27
5. ***Practicing being sensitive*** to small impressions and obeying them. Romans 8:14
6. ***Presenting our bodies*** a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through fasting. Romans 12:1
7. ***Denying selfish tendencies the right to rule*** our lives. Matthew 10:38
8. ***Walking in Light and forgiveness.*** 1 John 1:7 and Matthew 6:14-15