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It's a learning process!

Your mindset may be against you.

- 2 Cor 10:4-6The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
- 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
- 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete

You CAN hear the voice of God!

1) Created to hear His voice.

Gen 1: all creation responds to His voice

Pr 20:12 Ears that hear and eyes that see— the LORD has made them both.

Rev 2:7"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the church."

Jn 6:44"Nobody comes unto me except the Father draws him."

2) You're His sheep.

Jn 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice."
(repeated Jn 10: 3, 4, 16, 27)
Jn 10:3 ... the sheep hear his voice
Jn 10:4 ...the sheep follow him, for they know his voice
Jn 10:16 ... they will hear My voice

(emphasis - 4 times in one chapter)

Jesus speaks the truth!

2 Cor 1:20 The promises of God are yea and amen.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Rom 3:4 "Let God be true, but every man a liar."

"Knowledge is a function of the mind; but hearing God's voice is a function of the spirit."

God wants to speak to YOU about YOU!

Jer 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for <u>you</u>," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper <u>you</u> and not to harm <u>you</u>, plans to give <u>you</u> hope and a future.

4 Keys to Recognizing God's Voice

#1: God's voice sounds like a flow of spontaneous thoughts.

- -discerning between your own thoughts, and the thoughts of Holy Spirit
 - identifying the unexpected

Heb 5:11 strong meat belongs to them that are **of** full age, even those who **by reason of use** have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

"PAGA": a chance encounter or an accidental intersecting.

#2: Still your own thoughts and emotions.

Hab 2:1 "I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart..."

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God.

#3: Fix your attention on Jesus.

Heb. 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus, ...

Jn 5: 19, 20, 30 Jesus only did what He saw His Father do, He only said what the Father said

Heb 10:19-22 having boldness to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ... draw near with a true heart

Remain in an posture of worship toward Jesus

#4: Journaling:

Hab 2:2 ... write the vision, inscribe it

- -Throw off doubt, write in faith
- create a record that can be later examined and tested