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Each One! **Bless** One! You Make a Difference!

The epitome of our relationship with God is to hear Him.

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"To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."

John 10:3-5 (KJV)

Ways by which God speaks -1. The sheep is known by the shepherd; the sheep follow Him and will not follow any stranger. If we don't hear God, we are as sheep without shepherd. Hearing God gives you understanding of His things and His ways. John 15:15. These make us friends of God.

The Lord said Abraham was his friend because:

- **1-** He knows him. **Genesis 18:19** (KJV). Does God know you? Also, God has chosen him. **Genesis 18:19** (NIV)
- **2-** So that Abraham may direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord. You'll find it quite difficult to direct anybody right if you don't hear God.

Let me highlight some here as illustration;

- 1. Word: Bible is the written word of God or logos that a believer must read always and do what is written therein. Joshua 1:8 while Rhema is the spoken word of God that true believer must be sensitive to hear. Hebrews 1:1-3. Though, there are many ways through God speaks, the word of God (logos) is the authentic barrow meter by which one can know if it's the Lord that has spoken. He will never contradict nor violate his word for any reason. Jesus told the Pharisees, you do err because you do not search the scripture. Matthew 22:29, John 5:39-40, 46-47
- Inner Witness: The Holy Spirit in a believer witness to his/her spirit what the lord is saying momentarily. 1 John 2:27; 7:38. God speaks more through inner witness these New Testament days because the Holy spirit dwells in the believers. 1 Corinthians 3: 16; 6:19
- 3. **Prophets:** God speaks through prophets like Isaiah in the old Testament or Agabus in New Testament and other prophets even now. **Hebrews 1:1**
- Word Of Wisdom: 1 Corinthians 12: 8 comes by the Spirit to tell you what to do or how to go about certain issue. It gives you clue to handle situations.
- 5. **Word Of Knowledge: 1 Corinthians 12:8.** The Holy Spirit tells you something about somebody without your prior knowledge.

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GOD SPEAKS TO YOU

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