



Putting God in the Center of  
Life's Toughest Decisions

Part 3:  
Listening but Hearing... Nothing!  
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## God has given us everything we need to get the guidance we long for:

His Word (Psalm 119:105)

His Son ("Come, follow me...")

His Spirit (John 16:13)

*The Lord delights in the way of a man  
whose steps he has made firm;  
though he stumble, he will not fall,  
for the Lord upholds him with his hand.  
- Psalm 37:23-24*

## How God guides us into all truth:

Spiritual Truth – God's Words

Spiritual Authority – God's leaders – Pastors, Parents and  
Wise friends

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 27:6 The kisses of an enemy may be profuse, but faithful are the wounds of a friend.

Proverbs 15:22-23 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. A man finds joy in giving an apt reply—and how good is a timely word!

Spiritual Gifts – God's gifts given to God's people (Galatians 6:2)

Spiritual Signs – God's earthly proof

## Gideon's Choice: To obey or not obey; to fight or not to fight (Judges 6-8)

Spiritual Truth – Mighty Warrior, I will be with you (Judges 6:12,16)

Spiritual Authority – Joash, his father (Judges 6:29-31)

Spiritual Gifts – Leadership? (Judges 6:24,27)

Spiritual Signs – The fleece (vs. 36-40)

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## Simple Truths:

God speaks at the center of our suffering (Judges 6:12-13)

God speaks in the middle of our weakness (Judges 6:14-15)

God speaks in the heart of our worship (6:20-21)

## Key Verse: Isaiah 30:20-21

Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

## On The Way Home

Have everyone in the car answer this question: What does God's voice sound like?

### Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) What was the hardest decision you had to make this week? What made it tough? Did you go somewhere for help?
- 2) At what level of decision-making do you believe God needs to be included? For example, should you consult God about what to wear each day? How about your route to work? How about your business ethics? How about your TV choices? How about the sale of a home? A career change?
- 3) Who do you see as a spiritual authority in your life? Have you given them permission to speak into the tough areas of your life?
- 4) What do you think about "fleeces?" Are they still relevant today? Is there any godly wisdom in the group that can suggest some guidelines for "fleeces?"
- 5) Why do you think God speaks in the center of our suffering, weakness and worship?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?