




## Stories 3.0: Hearing God Speak

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


### God speaks through **people**.

 1 Corinthians 2:13 (NIV) "This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words."


 Romans 15:18–19a (NIV) "I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— <sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit."


### God speaks through **experiences**.

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

 Psalm 119:67, 71-72 (NLT) "I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your word. ... <sup>71</sup> My suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees. <sup>72</sup> Your instructions are more valuable to me than millions in gold and silver."


### God speaks through **the Bible**.


 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."


 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV) "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."


 Psalm 119:162 (NLT) "I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure."


### God speaks through **Jesus**.

 Hebrews 1:1–2 (NIV) "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe."

 Luke 2:44–45 (NIV) "Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him."

 Luke 2:48–49 (NIV) "Then His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." <sup>49</sup> "Why were you searching for me?" He asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

 Romans 5:1–2 (NIV) "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."

**Digging Deeper:** When you consider that the God of the universe chooses to speak to you, how does that make you feel? Do you expect God to speak to you when you open the Bible? How do you view what happens to you? –Have you ever considered that  your experiences or circumstances are avenues by which God speaks? Have you had a Holy thing said to you by someone you would have never expected to be the one God would use to deliver that message?