

**The Secret to Abiding - John 14:25-31**  
**“Hearing The Voice of God”**  
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**John 14:25-26** *"All this I have spoken while still with you.  
<sup>26</sup>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will  
send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind  
you of everything I have said to you.*

**POINT: The Secret to Abiding is learning to hear the  
voice of God.** God is relentless to reveal himself!

**A. God’s Voice in Person:** Genesis 2-3 Personal, direct  
and intimate communication.

**B. God’s Voice Through a Person (Prophets)** – He still  
speaks through his people today.  
**Ex. 20:18: 1 Cor. 12:7**

**C. God’s Voice Promised to All - Is. 30:19**  
**Joel 2:28** *"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit  
on all people.*

**D. God’s Voice in Writing - Romans 15:4**  
**2 Peter 1:21** *For prophecy never had its origin in  
the will of man, but men spoke from God as they  
were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

**E. God’s Voice in Practice: From the INSIDE OUT vs.  
External Circumstances:**  
**Elijah: 1 Kings 19:12**  
**Samuel: 1 Samuel 3:8**

**F. God’s Voice in the Person of Jesus** – removed the  
barrier; veil.

**John 1:14** *The Word became* **John 14:10** *The  
words I speak to you are not my own...it is the  
Father living in me...*

**John 10:4, 16, 27** *My sheep follow me because they  
know my voice.*

**G. God’s Voice in Every Believer Through the Holy  
Spirit**

**John 14:17** *“...with you, and will be IN you.”*

**John 14:26** *The Holy Spirit will teach you all  
things, and remind you of my words.*

**H. What does God’s voice sound like?** How do you know  
if it’s his voice?

1. Combination of mind, heart, and spirit –  
thought, emotion, and conviction.
2. Consistent with His written Word.
3. Confirmed by the Body of Christ.

**I. Levels of Listening (abiding):**

1. Level 1: Word of God – Read the Bible and ask  
the Holy Spirit to make specific application into  
your life.
2. Level 2: Words of God – Ask the Father to  
reveal words of guidance, direction, and truth  
daily through His Holy Spirit within you.

**J. Obstacles to Hearing:** Sin, distractions, expectations,  
filters, time, etc.

**Response:** Ask for the Holy Spirit to speak to you then  
practice listening for the voice of God.