HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

What You Believe

- I. Being led by The Spirit and hearing God's voice is affected by what you believe and say (The importance of this truth can't be overstated) Jn16:13-When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide (lead) you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak-Pr3:6-In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct (lead) thy paths-Jn10:27-My sheep hear my voice
 - A. Got what they believed and said not what God said-Ex33:1-Go up hence...unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: ²And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite: ³Unto a land flowing with milk and honey-Nm13:31-We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we-Nm14:28-As truly as I live saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you
 - B. Your belief affects your hearing-If you say God doesn't speak to me, I can't hear His voice, I struggle to hear from Him that belief will affect your ability to hear; If you say the Holy Spirit speaks to me and I hear his voice, believing and saying that opens your ear to hear
- II. To hear God's voice you have to believe: 1. God really does talk to people
 - A. <u>He leads us by speaking to us</u>-According to Jesus this is supposed to be normal operating procedure for every believer, to hear God's voice and to be led by His Spirit-*Jn16:13*-That shall he speak (to you)
 - B. Many don't believe God talks to people (mock, thinks it's fake or strange) EX-Bothers me all this people saying the hear from God
 - C. The very first thing God did after creating man was He spoke to Him-Gn1:27-So God created man in his own image...²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them
 - D. Our God is a God who talks to His people—Gn4:6-The Lord said unto Cain—Gn7:1-The Lord said unto Noah—Gn12:1-The Lord said unto Abram—Gn26:2-The Lord appeared unto him and said—Gn31:3-The Lord said unto Jacob—Ex6:2-God spoke unto Moses—Js1:1-The Lord spoke unto Joshua—Jd7:2-The Lord said unto Gideon—1Sm3:11—The Lord said to Samuel—1Ki1:11—The Lord said unto Solomon—1Ki14:5—The Lord said unto Ahijah—Jd13:16—The LORD said unto Manoah—2Ki1:3—The Lord said to Elijah—2Ki10:30—The Lord said unto Jehu—Job1:7—The Lord said unto Satan—Is36:10—The Lord said unto me—Jer1:9—The Lord said unto me—Ez44:5—The Lord said unto me—Ho1:2—The Lord said to Hosea—Am7:8—The Lord said unto me—Zec11:3—The Lord said unto me—Ac8:29—Then the Spirit said unto Philip—Ac10:19—The Spirit said unto him (Peter)—Ac13:2—As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Ghost said
- III. To hear God's voice you have to believe: 2.God wants to talk to YOU-Pr8:6-Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? ²She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. ³She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. ⁴Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. ⁶Hear; for I will speak of excellent things
 - A. Many believe God talks to people, but not them-Ps50:7-Hear, O my people, and I will speak-Jn10:27-Hb8:11-They shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest
 - B. <u>He talked to God and expected God to talk back-2Sm5:19</u>-David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt you deliver them into mine hand? The LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand
 - C. God has not changed, He still wants to talk to His people today-Mal3:6-For I the Lord, do not change-Hbl3:8-Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever
- IV. One of the most exciting things in my life has been hearing from God-It's God making Himself real to you-(EX: Northsmoke name confirmation)