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# EXPERIENCING GOD: GOD SPEAKS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH BIBLE AND PRAYER

**Reality #4: God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.**

Hebrews 1:1, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets..."

When God spoke:

1. It was usually unique to that individual
2. He gave enough specific directions to do something now (Exodus 3:16-22)

## **God speaks by the Holy Spirit**

1 Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

John 16:13-14, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**1. God reveals Himself** - because He wants you to have faith to believe He can do what He says.

Leviticus 19:1-2, "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.'"

**2. God reveals His Purposes** – so you will know what He plans to do.

**3. God reveals His ways** – because that is the only way to accomplish His purposes.

## **God Speaks Through the Bible and Prayer**

### **Three Foundational Truths:**

1. *God will never lead you to do something that contradicts His written Word.*
2. *Don't look for a scripture that seems to say what you selfishly want to do and then claim it is God's will*
3. *Sometimes we pray for one thing and get something different and better!*

### **Specific Steps with the Bible and Prayer:**

1. *Read your bible with a pen and paper.*
2. *Write down the verse in your journal*
3. *Meditate on the verse*
4. *Immerse yourself in the meaning of the verse.*
5. *Identify the adjustments you need to make in your life so God can work through you.*
6. *Write a prayer response to God.*
7. *Make the necessary adjustments in your life as you continue to pray.*
8. *Pay close attention to God's response and look for His activity.*