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Message Reflections

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“Our failure to hear His voice when we want to is due to the fact that we do not in general want to hear it, that we want it only when we think we need it.”

— Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*

Read Genesis 12:1-9 and John 10:1-16.

This week, Pastor Eric talked about how we hear the voice of God in our personal lives. There are many ways that God speaks, and He does it in His own timing. He is creative in what He says. Sometimes it's loud and clear, sometimes it's a whisper we strain to hear. Regardless, we can be certain that He speaks. God has revealed Himself in nature, in His Word (the Bible), and in His Son; He intends for us to hear His voice in our own personal lives.

- What assurance do you have from God's Word that God intends for us to hear His voice in very personal ways in our lives?
- Think about ways in which you have heard God's voice by meditation in the Word, in prayer, in worship times, from personal encouragements, through reading, and in other ways.
- What are the distractions in your life that keep you from hearing God's voice? What is one thing you can do to remove that distraction?
- What would you say is a primary reason in your life that hampers your ability to hear God's voice?

Take some time in silence and in prayer, asking, “Lord, I am open to Your voice, what do You have to say?” As you do this, also ask God to show you any barriers that are preventing you from hearing.