

Does God Speak to Us?

- Privately?
- Before we consider that aspect
- God speaks: Hebrews 1.1-2
- The Bible itself is God's Word—it is “Breathed out” (inspired) because it is God's voice—His words to us. II Timothy 3.16
- The Voice of the Bible is the most reliable Word from God there is: II Peter 1.16-21

- The Bible is the Spirit's tool: John 16.7-15
- God transforms us into the image of Christ through the Bible: II Corinthians 3.18
- God's normal and ordinary pattern is that we (the regenerated man) use the Bible to make wise decisions: Ephesians 4.11-5.17

Yet we all have some experience with
being certain that God is leading us

- Agabus predicted a famine: Acts 11.27-30, and the Church responded
- But when Agabus predicted trouble for Paul, Paul was unmoved: Acts 21.10-15
- He never questioned the truthfulness of what was said, nor the source of it.
- He went to Jerusalem, and ended up in the hands of the Gentiles: Acts 21.16-36
- And ended up with God's commendation: Acts 23.11

The Question that must be answered

- Isn't: Does God speak to us?
- Is: how do I know it's the voice of God?