## **DID I HEAR GOD'S VOICE TO ME TODAY**?

A GOD WHO IS UNSEEN – SPEAKS TO EVERYONE? YES, He does! ~ All we need to do is LISTEN! You may say: "What does His voice sound like? How can I hear His voice?"

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In the Book of Genesis, we read: "God <u>said</u> . . . and He saw that it was good. Why, and for whom, did God create these good things? *For YOU - ME!* 

**Oh, how He loves us** – we are His most beloved of all His creation. He <u>said:</u> "Let us make man in our own image, in the image and likeness of ourselves. . ." Gen. 1:26 Imagine how great is His love that He <u>spoke</u>, and we were created!

**He gave Himself to and for us** – Have you ever been to a sporting event and seen posters that read: "John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." Of course, you have! These posters are written by people who have experienced His love and desire that others may also <u>hear</u> this message. *Did you hear it?* 

As we read our Bible, and especially the **Gospels**, we find that the authors <u>wrote</u> of the love and mercy of Jesus – most especially found in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. The Gospels were *written* so that we may <u>hear</u>, and know, that everything He did is for us today and for everyone throughout time. *Did you hear it?* 

Jesus spoke directly to the Apostles and disciples when He said: "... unless I go, the **Advocate** will not come to you; but if I do go, I will send him to you. And when he comes ... He will glorify me, since all he **tells** you will be taken from what is mine." John 16:7-15 His Spirit/the Advocate – the Presence of God who **speaks** to us today.

We believe that the Spirit of God, alive in our Church and Sacraments, pours out His grace, healing, mercy, forgiveness, wisdom, and more. Above all, we believe that we receive the True Presence of Christ in the Body and Blood of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. *Did your heart overflow with joy to* <u>hear</u> *He is Present in the Sacraments?* 

Above is but a taste of how the Spirit of God speaks to us each day. I would like to share one more way I **hear** God's voice – through Christian music – here's an example.



I heard the Lord call my name, listen close you'll hear the same. ... Take His hand we are glory bound.



His word is Love, Love's His word, that's the message that I heard...

The Spirit and the Bride **say**, "Come." Did you **hear** Him invite you today?

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