

The background of the image is a light, neutral gray with a subtle gradient. It is decorated with numerous water droplets of various sizes and shapes, scattered across the frame. The droplets are rendered with soft shadows and highlights, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The text is centered horizontally and vertically in the middle of the image.

TO HEAR GOD, LOVE GOD

GOD SPEAKS

1. GOD SPEAKS TO US TODAY.

- GOD INVITES US INTO A CONVERSATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM**

2. GOD'S COMMUNICATION WITH IS USUALLY MORE CONCERNED WITH WHO WE ARE THAN WHAT WE DO

3. THE BIBLE IS THE MEASURE BY WHICH WE EVALUATE IF THE COMMUNICATION IS FROM GOD

GUIDELINES FOR TALKING WITH GOD

- 1. LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR BEING**
- 2. MERE HUMANS CAN TALK WITH GOD**
- 3. GOD HAS GIVEN US A LIVING EXAMPLES OF WHAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM IS LIKE**
- 4. HEARING FROM GOD DOES NOT MAKE US RIGHTEOUS**

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR BEING

- **MATT.22:34-40 – “LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND**
- **WHEN WE LOVE PEOPLE WE WANT TO PLEASE THEM**
 - **ITS OUR WAY OF BEING “ONE” WITH THEM**
 - **SMALL CHILDREN LOVE TO DO BIG JOBS WITH BIG PEOPLE**
 - **IT IS NOT THE JOB BUT THE ATTENTION AND AFFECTION**
- **GOD IS NOT A TASK MASTER- MATT.25:14-30 25**

MERE HUMANS CAN TALK WITH GOD

- **LEADERS DO NOT HAVE A LOCK ON HEARING GOD**
 - **ACTS 1:20-26 THEY USED SCRIPTURE, SOUNDS LOGICAL, THEY PRAYED – MATTHIAS IS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN – PAUL**
- **ORDINARY FOLLOWERS CAN – 8:26; 9:10-19**
- **WE THINK OUR EXPERIENCE COULD NEVER BE LIKE THEIRS**
 - **ACTS 14:11,13-15; JAMES 5:17; HEB.4:15**
 - **DL MOODY**

GOD HAS GIVEN US EXAMPLES

- **LOOK AT WHAT JESUS WAS PRAYING FOR US**
 - **JOHN 17:9,11,20-23,25,26**
 - **1 COR.6:16-17**
 - **EPH.2:4-5,10,18,22, 3:16-21; 4:1,13,**
 - **MARRIAGE - 5:1,15,18,22,25-31;6:10,17**

HEARING GOD DOES NOT MAKE US RIGHTEOUS

- **WHEN GOD SPEAKS TO US, IT DOES NOT PROVE**
 - 1. WE ARE RIGHTEOUS**
 - 2. WE ARE RIGHT**
 - 3. WE HAVE EVEN CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE SAID**
- **USE OF THE PHRASES “GOD TOLD ME” OR “THE LORD LED ME” ARE COMMONLY USED TO *GET MY WAY***
- **GOD WILL SPEAK TO EVERYONE INVOLVED**
- **INDIVIDUALLY FOLLOWING JESUS, TOGETHER**

HEARING GOD

- 1. HEARING FROM GOD IS NEVER ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE.
IT IS ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP**
- 2. A CLOSE MARRIAGE OR FRIENDSHIP IS A GOOD
EXAMPLE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**
- 3. “KNOWLEDGE PUFFS UP, WHERE LOVE BUILDS UP...BUT IF
ANYONE LOVES GOD, HE IS KNOWN BY GOD” (1COR.8:1-3)
HUMILITY, POWER, FAITH AND HOPEFUL LOVE ARE ALL
PART OF WALKING WITH AND BEING KNOWN BY JESUS**