

re-imagining our lives with God begins with hearing and obeying God's voice

## The Journey of Discovering God's Voice

stage #1 - BELIEVING

stage #2 - RECOGNISING

stage #3 - SURRENDERING

stage #4 - EXPERIENCING



# 1. THE PRACTICE OF BELIEVING

shift from religion to relationship

by believing God wants to speak to you personally

### seek diligently with expectation

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

### don't just feel it, live it

"Fool! When will you ever learn that "believing" is useless without doing what God wants you to?

Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith. "Don't you remember that even our father

Abraham was declared good because of what he did when he was willing to obey God, even if it

meant offering his son Isaac to die on the altar? "You see, he was trusting God so much that he was

willing to do whatever God told him to; his faith was made complete by what he did—by his

actions, his good deeds

James 2:20-22 (TLB)

## 2. THE PRACTICE OF RECOGNISING

shift from technique to posture

by valuing, hungering and being attentive to the Holy Spirit's leading in your life

### 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NLT)

.That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."...But., it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit.

### John 16:13

But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and disclose to you what is to come.

## 2. THE PRACTICE OF RECOGNISING

The Word of God

People

Circumstances / Unusual Coincidences

Impressions / Promptings

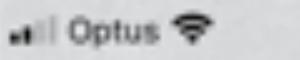
Dreams

Visions

Miraculous Signs

Audible Voice / Angels

Our Senses



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### Dream - 5 months in November

Tue, 1 Nov 2011





2011 10:45 am

1 Nov Tuesday



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Location: melbourne cup Tuesday morning @ froths

Last night I had a dream that Wei was five months pregnant this November. It doesn't make much sense, but in faith I pen this revelation down in case of its fulfillment then you are glorified. God I pray for your mercy, grace and kindness in this. May you grant us a loving, godly and healthy child.



### We are Having a Baby!!

Thu, 15-Dec 2011

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How amazing is it that Wei did a pregnancy test and it was found out that Wei is pregnant! Praise God? What's even more amazing is the fact that she reckons the conception time was in late November. This syncs with my dream! It really was you who spoke to me o lord! It wasn't wishful thinking, it was the Lord speaking to me in my dream. I realized in hindsight that the 5 months was not literal but symbolic of grace. The grace of God to have a child would come in the month of November, Wow.













#### Presence in the Valley

Painted at Stairway Church during worship on Sunday 24th June 2018

The presence of God was particularly evident in the time of proise and worship. A sense of belonging to a community gathering before the throne and reaching into the heart of God.

This pointing is of the valley where we often may feel the deepness of despair, anxiety and fear. Yet it is in the valley experiences where we can also know the overwhelming comfort, love and security of God's presence. He is there in that place, walking with us to feed our soul, heal our body, instil His peace and lead us on to experience a kingdom life.

Casting all our cares, circumstances, pain, rejection, brokenness, and frustrations on Him, for He cares for us. In the valley His presence is intense and personal; we can reach out, hold His hand and trust Him.

John O'Connell

"The most important factor is that God spoke, not how He spoke."

Henry Blackaby

### personal insights

don't be dismissive, be curious

follow the trail even if it leads to a dead end

trial and error

get familiar

rest in God's timing

## 3. THE PRACTICE OF SURRENDERING

shift from understanding to trust

by letting go of your need to understand and control, and trusting in God's character

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"The people, were surprised when they heard him. "How does he know so much when he hasn't been trained?" they asked. "So Jesus told them, "My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me. "Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own.

John 7:15-17 (NLT)

four voices - self, others, Satan, God

### the filter

- 1) Is this consistent with God's character?
  - 2) Is it Scriptural?
    - 3) Is it wise?
- 4) Is it in tune with your own character?
- 5) What do people you most trust think about it?

surrender clarifies God's voice in your life

## 4. THE PRACTICE OF EXPERIENCING

shift from facts to personal history with God

through a lifestyle of hearing and obeying God's voice

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"I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now. "But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

John 16:12-13 (AMPC)

a lifestyle of hearing and obeying God's voice invites God to speak more into your life hearing God's voice requires us to lay down our life