Learning to Hear God Speak: 3 Ways to Know If It's God's Will

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John 10:14-16, 27

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17-26... 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

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1. NEVER CONTRADICT HIS WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 <u>All Scripture is God-breathed</u> and is useful for <u>teaching</u>, <u>rebuking</u>, <u>correcting</u> and <u>training in righteousness</u>, 17 <u>so that</u> the man of God may be <u>thoroughly equipped for every good work</u>.

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2. BE <u>ACCOMPANIED</u> BY <u>CONFIRMATION</u>

Matthew 18:15-16

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

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3. REQUIRE YOU TO <u>DEPEND</u> ON <u>HIM</u> AND PROVIDE YOU PEACE

Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Matthew 6:31, 33

31 "So do not worry... 33 But <u>seek first his kingdom and his</u> <u>righteousness</u>, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Revelation 3:20

20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. <u>If anyone hears</u> my voice and opens the door, <u>I will come in</u> and eat with him, and he with me."