

Overcoming blockages to hearing from God

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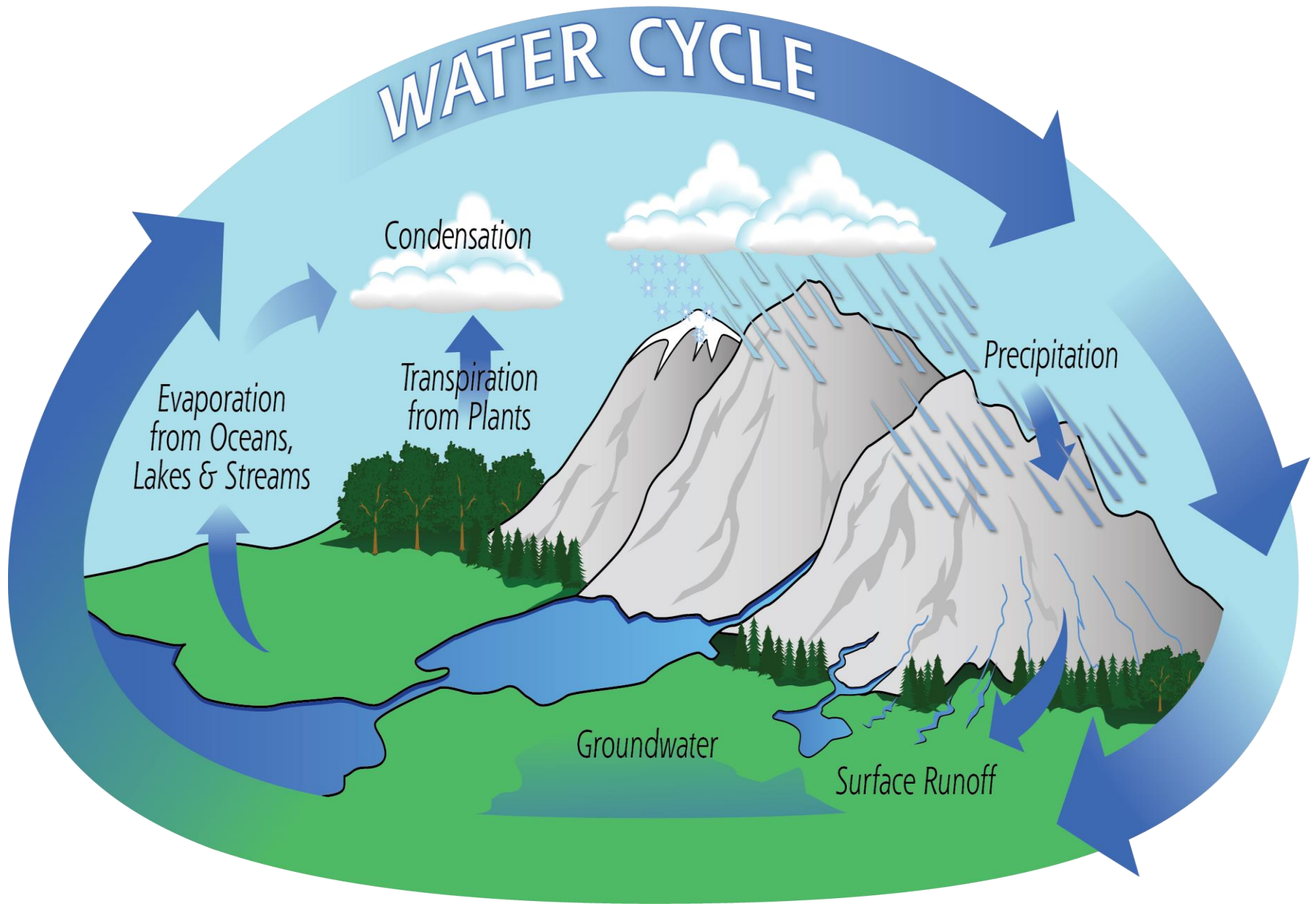
God is always speaking

- 1 Peter 1:25a **BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.”**
- Means - is continual, alive and expectant!
- *Once God speaks, He doesn't change His mind!*

God reveals from our perspective

- *He explains the spiritual realm through the natural.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural;
- then the spiritual.
- *(Written conversation)*

How the natural realm works

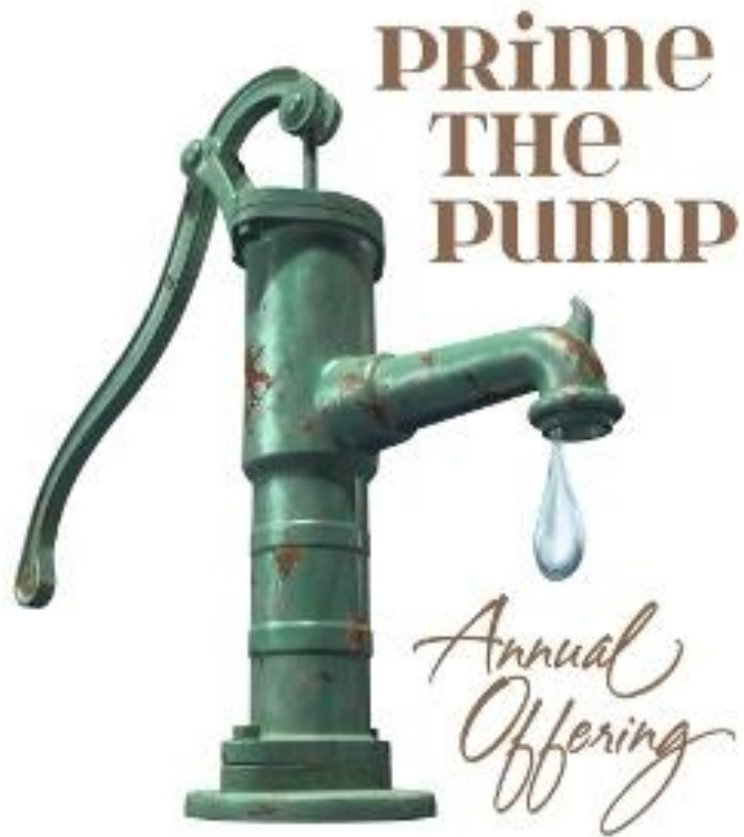


Fist the natural, then the spiritual

- Isaiah 55:10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
- and do not return there without watering the earth...
- 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;

- It will not return to Me empty,
- **without accomplishing what I desire,**
- and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

First the natural then the spiritual



- You've got to put some water into the pump before it will suck up water from the well.

God uses your imagination!



- God given dreams and visions are examples of Him doing this!

Your imagination has been sanctified.

- *Every part of your life belongs to God including your imagination!*

1 Cor. 6:19

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to take control of your redeemed imagination.*

- *Accept what God puts into your mind, is from Him. (Jeremiah 1:11)*
- *The Holy Spirit speaks 'ordinary'.*
- *Your dialect! Your vernacular.*

The world is waiting for us to demonstrate God's ability!

- *You might say, "Why should I bother?"*
- Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. *(cont...)*

- Romans 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation, waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

The three “gateways”

- At least **fifteen times** in the Bible it mentions three ways (gateways) through which God communicates to us.



The apostle John says in...

- 1 John 1:1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard,
- what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at
- and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—

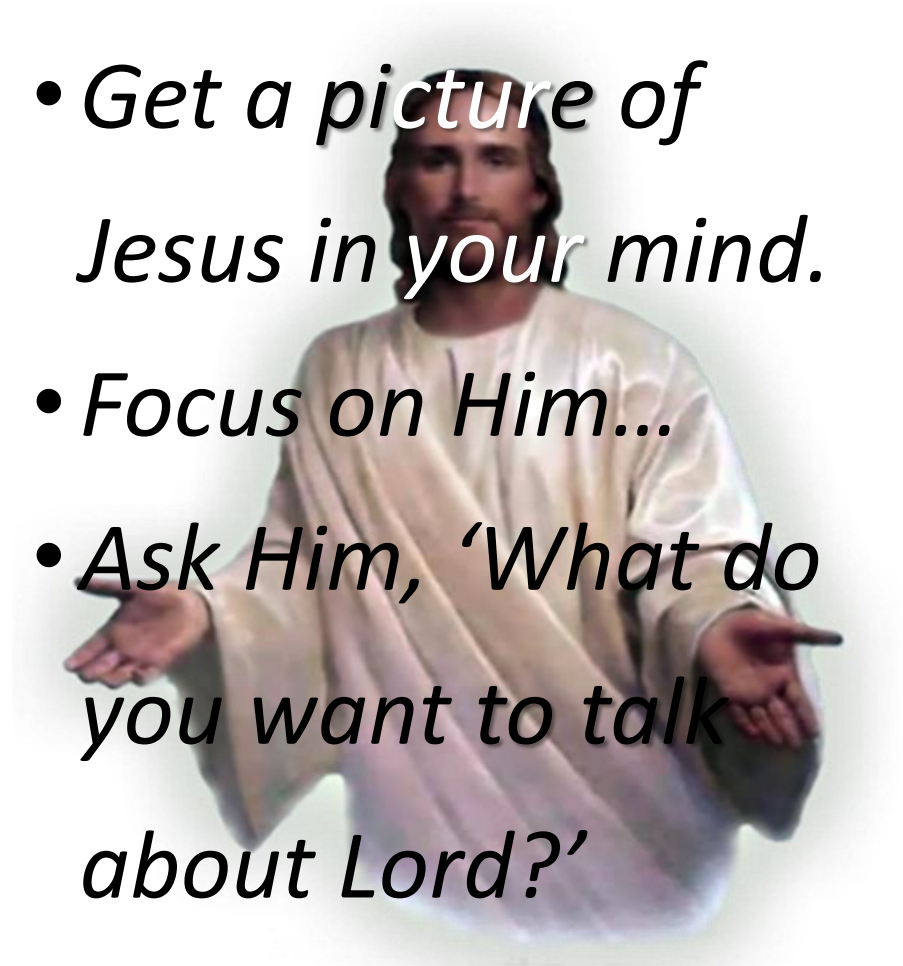
The apostle Paul says...

- 1 Corinthians 2:9 but just as it is written,
“Things which eye has not seen
- and ear has not heard, and
- which have not entered the heart of man,
- all that God has prepared for those that love Him.”

Some say, “I don’t get anything!”

- The Bible says...
- Hebrews 12:2
fixing our eyes on
Jesus,
- the author and
perfector of faith...

- *Get a picture of
Jesus in your mind.*
- *Focus on Him...*
- *Ask Him, ‘What do
you want to talk
about Lord?’*



Jesus promised...

- John 14:12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also;
- and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

Jesus saw Nathaniel in a mini vision

- John 1:48 Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?”
- Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”



How I started...

- **A quickened word**
(I was talking and realised what I'd said, was from God)
- **Unbidden word** (it just popped out of my mouth; I didn't premeditate it)



Awareness or knowing

- you feel or become aware of something
- A pain
- A fact
- A problem
- A situation



- **Mini visions**

(God shows you
pictures) *

You were created to do this!

- Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship,
- created in Christ Jesus for good works,
- which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

No Counterfeits

- Matthew 7:7 “**Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you.
- 8 “For everyone who **asks** receives, and he who **seeks** finds, and to him who **knocks** it will be opened. (Cont.)

- Matthew 7:9
“Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?”



- Matthew 7:10
“Or if he asks for a fish,
- he will not give him a snake, will he?



Scientists plan to use acoustic tags to track lamprey. (Supplied: Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources)



- Matthew 7:11 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,
- how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

The End

No Counterfeit with God!

- Luke 11:11 “Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? (clarias garipinas - snake-like fish)

- Luke 11:12 “Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? (White scorpion)
- Luke 11:13 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

