

Knowing It is him

God's voice will always be consistent with the Word of God

He wants us to know it is Him and know His voice

John 10:1-5 (New King James Version) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ **To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** ⁴ **And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.** ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

John 10:25-29 (New King James Version) Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.** ²⁸ **And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.** ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

John 18:37 (New King James Version) Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. **Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"

We Learn to Know It is Him through the experience of others who have fruit from recognizing his voice.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NLT) Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the LORD by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the LORD were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. ² One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. ⁴ Suddenly the LORD called out, "Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" ⁵ He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did. ⁶ Then the LORD called out again, "Samuel!" Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed." ⁷ Samuel did not yet know the LORD because he had never had a message from the LORD before. ⁸ So the LORD called a third time, and once more

Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" Then Eli realized it was the LORD who was calling the boy. 9 **So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak, LORD, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. 10 And the LORD came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."**

Being Obedient helps us to confirm it is his voice - Peter on the Water

Matthew 14:26-32 (New Living Translation) When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" 27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" 28 ***Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."*** 29 ***"Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.*** 30 ***But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.*** 31 ***Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"*** 32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

David lion bear giant

English-born Isaac Watts (1674-1748) came to know the Lord at a very early age and set his course toward the ministry. At age four, he began studying Latin, Greek and Hebrew. By 16, he began his studies at an academy in London where he remained three years, "studying with such zeal and application as permanently to injure his health." By age 33, he released a collection of 210 hymns for the church—the first of its kind. He battled for his health the last 36 years of his life in order to continue preaching and writing. How could he continue to drive himself so hard and accomplish so much for the kingdom of God? Because Watts knew his Shepherd. He had followed the Lord's divine leading and had heard His sweet voice.

Let me hear Your voice, Jesus, my Savior, let me hear Your voice walking upon the waters; when I am tossed about upon the waves of distress and difficulty, speak to my soul and say, "It is I, be not afraid."

Jesus can support me in the heaviest distresses, though all the sorrows I fear should come upon me. He can bear me on the wings of faith and hope, high above all the turmoil and commotion of life: He can carry me through the shadow of the dark valley and scatter all the terrors of it.

Watts was intimate with Jesus. That, dear saint, plain and simple, is the ultimate peace. When you remain in close fellowship with the Lord, no matter what valley of death you find yourself in, the Great Shepherd is with you—against whom no foe can stand!

He wants us to know it is Him so He gives us examples in Scripture

1 Kings 19:9-18 There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. But the LORD said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too." 11 ***"Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.***

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15 Then the LORD told him, "Go back the same way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Hazael to be king of Aram. 16 Then anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-meholah to replace you as my prophet. 17 Anyone who escapes from Hazael will be killed by Jehu, and those who escape Jehu will be killed by Elisha! 18 Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!"

He wants us to know it is Him so He reveals Himself to us

Luke 24:13-35 (New King James Version) Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in

Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” 19 And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.” 25 Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 ***But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him;*** and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

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He wants us to know it is Him so He reveals His nature

Psalm 103:7 (NKJV) He made known **His ways** to **Moses, His acts** to the children of Israel.

Matthew 7:9-11 (New Living Translation) “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? 10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 11 So if you sinful people

know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

The bottom line

1 Corinthians 2:13-15 (New Living Translation) When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. **14** But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. **15** Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.