



*"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

**A. Do you want to hear God?**

**Hosea** [Book of Hosea]

Hearing God meant living out a message full of unfaithfulness and heartache.

**Jeremiah** [Jeremiah 1]

As a result of hearing God, Jeremiah was cursed, mocked, put in jail, dumped in a well, beaten and no one believed his message.

**Isaiah** [Isa 20:1-6]

God told him to go naked for three years.

**Israelites** [Ex 19 and Deut 5]

The Israelites refused Moses' invitation to come to the base of the mountain and hear God speak.

*Are you willing to listen to God?*

**B. How does God speak?** 1 Thessalonians 2:13

This verse gives us the process...

1. **Communication:** Listening to God  
...the word that was heard...
2. **Comprehension:** Understanding what God says ...received the word...
3. **Confidence:** Trusting in what God says  
...accepted the word of God...
4. **Change:** Being transformed by what God says ...performs its work...

**C. What does God use to communicate to us?**

**1. God Communicates Through His Word**

The Bible is our guide for all the ways God communicates. 2 Tim 2:15 Heb 4:12

**2. God Communicates Through the Holy Spirit**

John 16:13-15

**3. God Communicates Through the Events of Our Lives —Mat 10:27**

The life of Joseph Gen 37-47

**4. God Communicates Through the People in Our Lives — 1 Thes 5:11; Eph 5:17-21;**

Pro 27:5-6

# The Power Driven Church

The Seven Churches of Revelation

## Ears to Hear With

### In His Presence—His Voice

*O Thou, in whose presence  
my soul takes delight,  
On whom in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day  
and my song in the night,  
My hope, my salvation, my all!  
Where dost Thou dear Shepherd,  
resort with Thy sheep,  
To feed them in pastures of love?  
Say why in the valley of death  
should I weep?  
Or alone in this wilderness roam?  
O why should I wander  
an alien from Thee?  
Or cry in the desert for bread?  
Thy foes will rejoice  
when my sorrows they see,  
And smile at the tears I have shed.  
He looks and ten thousands  
of angels rejoice,  
And myriads wait for His word.  
He speaks, and eternity  
filled with His voice,  
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.  
Dear Shepherd, I hear,  
and will follow Thy call,  
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice.  
Restore and defend me,  
for Thou art my all,  
And in Thee I will ever rejoice!*

Joseph Swain 1791

