



## THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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### **Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)**

#### **GOD HAS SPOKEN TO US**

We appreciate our Heavenly Father as we mark the last Sunday of the month of February!

Today's topic is an important one. As children of God, we would like God to speak to us from time to time and He does speak to us. We just need to know how. One of the reasons we don't always catch His voice is that we are expecting the spectacular, like the "burning bush" or the way He spoke to Paul on the way to Damascus. In 2006, I took it upon myself to hear Him speak to me and I was using **Isaiah 30:21** to pray. I would wake up at night and pray in that direction. One night, I heard the voice within me, not behind but inside of me saying: "God has spoken unto us by His Son." Brethren, God is speaking to us by His Son in His word. We have been told this over and over again. The most authentic way God speaks is through His word and we must be attentive. It is not advisable to just say "I will open the Bible and the first verse I see is God's instructions to me." The devil can deceive you by using that shallow principle. We need to study the word of God for His directions. **Heb. 1:2** says: "**God Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds.**"

We shall be considering two ways in which God speaks to His children today:

#### **1. THE INWARD WITNESS**

**"The Spirit itself [Himself] beareth witness with our spirit..." (Romans 8:16).** The inward witness is as supernatural as visions, dreams, angels appearing, "burning bush" and so on; it is though not as spectacular as those. The issue is that we are looking for the spectacular and therefore missing the supernatural that is right here with us all the time. That thing on the inside that says: 'don't do it' 'go back and check' or 'keep quiet' was just an inward intuition. That is God speaking to us! It is very authoritative! That witness that lets you know you are a child of God is the inner witness. (**1 John 5:10**). You don't know that you are born again because someone said that but because you have self-conviction.

#### **2. THE INWARD VOICE**

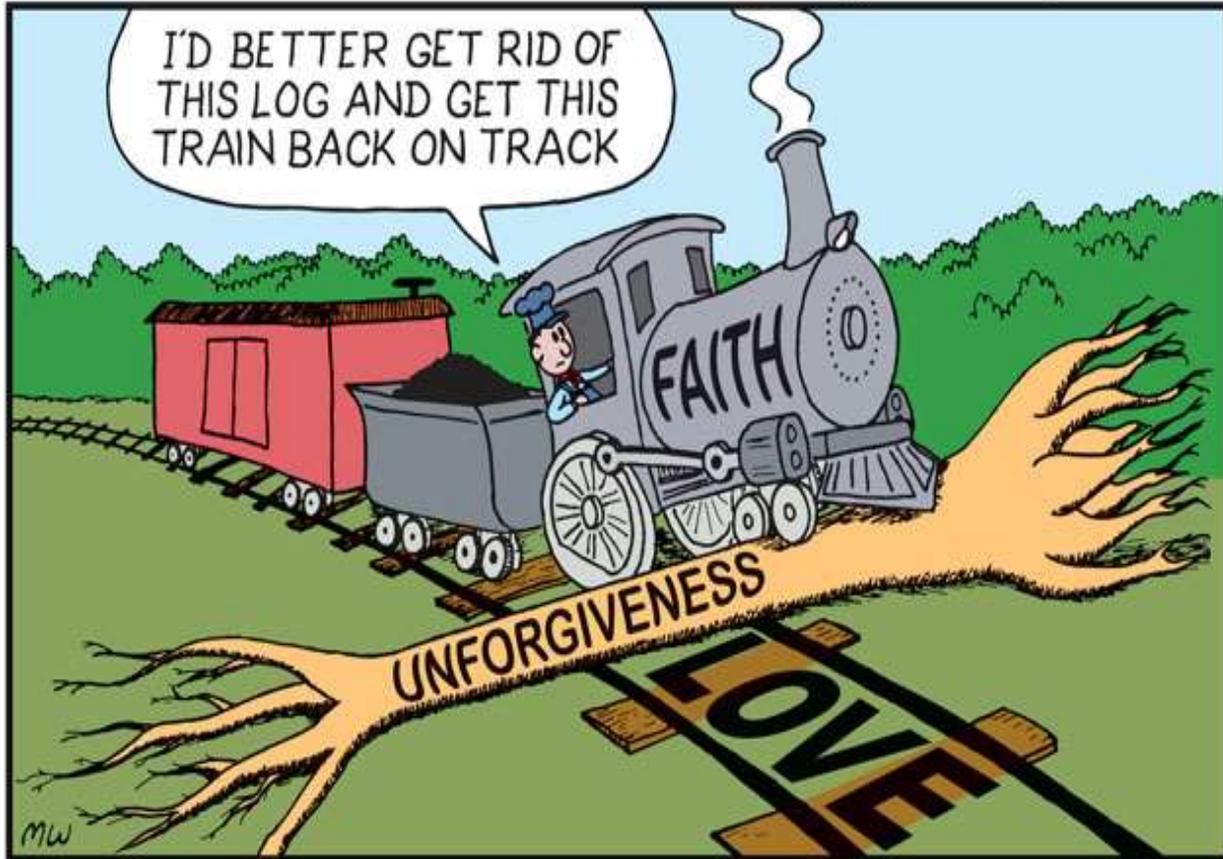
Examine the following passages of the scriptures and you will discover the inward route to hearing God's voice: "**I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost. (Romans 9:1); "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself..." (1 John 5:10); "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14); "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 9:1).** This inward voice is the spirit of man, the real man. The real "you" have a voice just like the outward man. The voice is referred to as the "conscience". We call this voice the still small voice. When you are looking for something and suddenly you sense or have a feeling deep inside telling you to check this or that or to enquire from this or that person, that still small voice is the voice of our own spirit speaking. Our own spirit receives instructions and guidance from the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us and then speaks.

#### **CONCLUSION**

As God's children, we must be confident of our status because no good parents will leave their children without directions. So also will God not leave us without instructions and directions through the "Inward Witness" and "Inward Voice" that our spirit picks from His Spirit. Let us always remember this and with confidence ask for His guidance and directions because it is our right as His beloved.

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For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

- GALATIANS 5:6 NIV

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