

He's Speaking to You
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John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

I will review the last 2 weeks for 2 reasons: to **glorify** God, and to **correct inaccurate information**, specifically for **non-attenders**.

- The **result** of the **meeting** on **8/11/24** with **69** members in attendance was **51 yes**, **15 no**, and **3 abstain**. If you had **counted abstains**, Ryan would have been short **.25%**. If you **hadn't counted abstains**, **Ryan** would have had **+1.5 more votes** than he would have **needed**. What is the **PROBABILITY** of that happening?
 - The message on **8/11/24** had **2 guarantees**: the first was that the **Lord** will **decide**. The second was that it will **not be unanimous**.
 - I said that the **question** is, will **ALL joyfully submit** Lord's **decision**?
 - With regards to the **abstains**, John Young and I **misinformed** the congregation, so the vote was "**tainted**". We **contacted** the **district** and received advice from **Robert's Rules of Order co-author**.
- The **result** of the **vote** on **8/25/24** was that the **congregation decide** to revoke with 56 yes and 7 no, with **64** members in attendance. Attendance was the same for the vote for Ryan. The **result** of the **vote** for Ryan was **48** yes and **16** no.
 - **9** people who voted "**NO**" **also** voted to **revoke**. I'm **proud** of **LEFC** for having a **heart** for clarity.

The Lord **uniquely directs** and guides **His bride**: the **church** and **Christians**. *Acts 8:29; Acts 13:2; Acts 9:11*

- **The main point** is to **walk by** the **spirit** and **obey**, you must **hear** and **understand** what the **Holy Spirit says** to you.

God **spoke throughout Bible**: whether it was audibly, through **angels**, through people, **dreams**, or **animals**.

- He spoke in the **Gospels** through **Jesus Christ**. To **hear Jesus** was to **hear God**. *John 1:1, 14*
- In **every chapter** of **Acts**, **except 17**, the Lord **uniquely spoke** to the **people** and to the **church**.
 - **He still uses people**, so we **need** the Holy Spirit's **guidance** as **much** as **early church**. My dream.
- **Today** we are led by the **Holy Spirit primarily** through the **Word**. *John 16:13, 2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Corinthians 2:11*
 - **Scripture** is the surest **voice** of **God**.
 - **Spiritual truth** (Gospel) is **revealed** by the **Holy Spirit**, **not discovered**.

The cross purchased our **adoption** and **opened** Christians **ears** to the Father's **voice**. *John 10:27*

- Our **living, loving, personal Father communicates** with **His children**.
 - He **encourages**, convicts, **corrects**, counsels, **comforts**, and rejoices in us.
- **The indwelling Holy Spirit takes biblical principles and truths, and specifically applies** them to our **individual** lives so we can **walk and live** in a **way that honors God**.

The Holy Spirit **lives within**, so it's **no surprise** if we "**have a sense**" when **God speaks**, directs, or **guides** His people. *John 14:26, Acts 15:28, 1 Corinthians 2:11-15*

- The Holy Spirit **speaks through processes**, like LEFC's By-Laws, authority, and **other people**.
 - Whether it's friends, **family**, a sermon, a **podcast**, or a **book**.

You should always **filter subjective** "voices, counsel, or prompts" **through the objective Word**, (in-line with Scripture) and wise, **godly Christians**, so you are **not misled**. *1 John 4:1, Jeremiah 17:9, Psalm 1:1, Philippians 4:7*

- **God will never contradict His written word** or be **inconsistent** with His **character** as revealed in **Word** and **displayed in Jesus Christ**.
 - The **more** we know **God's Word**, the **more** we can **trust subjective** promptings.
- Be sure there are **no hidden motives**, whether **directly** or **indirectly affected** by **decision**
 - **Good people can give bad counsel** if it's "**tainted**" by the **situation**, or the **people** involved.
- **We** can get **additional confirmation** through a God-given **sense of peace**.
 - Do not be **led** by your **feelings**, but **lack of peace**, or a **check** in your **spirit may be God**.
 - **Discern** between a "**lack of peace**" and something that is very **difficult**.

The Lord has a knowable will for you **if you take time to listen: JC is & He not silent**. *Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 37:7a, 17:6, Isaiah 58:11a, 30:21, Galatians 5:25, 1 Kings 19:11-13, Mark 9:24*

- To **walk by the spirit** and **obey** you must **hear** and **understand** what the **Holy Spirit says** to you.
 - By faith **ask God** to give **ears** to **hear** Him. Stop, look, and listen.
 - **STOP: silence voices** that **drown His** "still, small" **voice**.
 - **LOOK: at Word & motives/character**
 - **LISTEN: for God more**, and you'll **hear Him more!** NYC story