

Reflections on a Spirit-led Life, Part 2

Scripture used: [Galatians 5:25 \(NLT\)](#)

OVERVIEW

Pastor Hurmon is helping us explore the question “What does it mean for us to be led by the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?” As we learned last week, our posture towards God is vitally important to being able to receive God’s guidance. We need to make a commitment to Him first by acknowledging His role as Lord and Advocate, as John described in [John 14: 15-17 \(NLT\)](#). God does not expect us to be perfect while following Him, but He does expect us to be faithful. There is no place where we cannot be led by God, from our most intimate relationships to professional challenges to difficult health issues. In every case we can benefit from creating the space to listen, hear, and obey. God has the last word, and will ensure we are led to His perfect peace!

KEY POINTS

- 1) **God wants - and is able - to lead us in every part of our lives.** The challenge is usually that we don’t hear God, not that He isn’t speaking to us. We need to live with an ear open to heaven. Pastor Hurmon used the example of Siri, which is always listening to us. It may not get everything right, but it learns over time. It never stops trying to improve. We should be like Siri, since God will keep bringing up the important topics where we need to be led.
- 2) **God directs our lives in many ways.** When we are able to build the habit of listening constantly for God, we will find at least six different ways that He will use to communicate.
 - a. **Whispers.** God often appears as a “still, small voice.” This whisper is incredibly powerful, though. It can comfort the grieving, strengthen the weak, and bless people in any situation. The challenge for us here in Silicon Valley is being quiet enough to hear Him.
 - b. **Promptings.** We may feel a sudden instinct to listen, speak, or act. God can create an intense focus in us, which directs our attention to an important message, just like He did when Peter & John compelled the lame man to look at them in [Acts 3:4 \(NLT\)](#).
 - c. **Intuition.** God can plant a deep certainty in our heart and our spirit. In such times we can have complete confidence in the rightness of something. That is intuition.
 - d. **Others.** God often works through the people around us to lead us. This sort of wise counsel or advice can be hard to follow, which makes it even more important that we accept God’s direction. When Moses’ father-in-law Jethro told him that he needed to share responsibility for leading the twelve tribes of Judea, Moses listened to him in [Exodus 18:24 \(NLT\)](#).
 - e. **Peace.** We can use the presence or absence of peace as a strong indicator of where God wants to lead us. This is why the resurrected Jesus started every conversation with “Peace be with you.”
 - f. **Scripture.** [Psalms 119:105 \(NIV\)](#) tells us that scripture is “a lamp for my feet and a light to my path.” We need to internalize The Word. After that, God can more easily speak to us.
- 3) **God confirms His guidance for us.** With these six different ways that God directs us, we can easily get overwhelmed. When we hear something that seems like a life-changing decision, how do we actually know that it’s God speaking to us?
 - a. **We are usually led step-by-step, not all at once.** God can give us a big vision but often lead us carefully along the path as it says in [Psalms 37:23 \(NLT\)](#). This is important because we can prove ourselves worthy in the small steps before it’s time for big ones, described in [Luke 16:10 \(NLT\)](#).
 - b. **We are never told anything that contradicts scriptural truth.** God will never leave us astray. Whenever you feel directed by Him, you should be able to find a lot of scripture supporting it.
 - c. **Our calling is confirmed through others.** Our brothers and sisters in Christ are walking the same direction as us. They are also trying to know God, and can give you important perspective. That is one of the key reasons we need to be in fellowship!

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Before God can direct us, we have to ask Him to take control of our lives. Have you asked God to direct your steps? If not, what is holding you back?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Pastor Hurmon mentioned six directions: whispers; promptings; intuition; others; peace; and scripture. Which one applies the most to you? How does God try to direct your life?
- 3) **DO** - Reflect on the biggest struggles in your life right now. Select the most overwhelming one. and commit to listening to God for guidance. Say out loud: “Lord, I will listen and look for your direction!”