

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

*Hearing God – Because **HE** Speaks*

Does God speak? **How?**

- 1) *By His Word*
- 2) *By His Conduct*
- 3) *By His response to our requests*
- 4) *By His Spirit – (Includes through each other)*

He **establishes** each, and **adds to them** with the next

Attempting to jump to 3 or 4 without **the foundation and substance** of 1 and 2 cannot enjoy **His confidence**. Our own is insufficient.

Those **faithful with the first** will be given more

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His Word

Where to start? How about *The Beginning?*

Better yet, lets start **Before** the beginning.

John 1:1-2

“When the beginning began...”

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When God began the beginning, **what did He begin with?**

The Word. Not just any word... **HIS WORD.**

Have you ever heard someone enter a conversation who doesn't know they missed the beginning?

Awkward for you, embarrassing for them... even if they don't know it.

Ever heard someone insist on their point, even though they don't know what it was all about in the first place?

Happens to God all the time.

Will we recognize it when it does?

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What are **His** words for? **Wisdom** (1st), **knowledge & understanding**

Why? **They inform conduct**

Where does that occur? **Romans 12:2**

Is that a N.T. thing? No

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Psalm 1:1-2

- Recognizing what is **NOT** of God
- Because we're thoroughly familiar with **WHAT IS.**
- **How?** It is constantly on our mind
- **Why?** It is God's top priority, and ours too.

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Does He only use verbiage?

Psalm 19:1-4

He is only understood by **those willing to listen**

Those unwilling are without excuse. **Romans 1:20-22**

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Are there priorities?

Proverbs 4:7-9

Second most important word – “**GET**”

It happens **on purpose** – not by default or accident

Proverbs 8: (All – selected)

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Who qualifies?

Luke 8:15

Those who **receive** it, **implant** it and **keep** it.

The word was given to all. $\frac{3}{4}$ did not benefit from it.

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Romans 10:17

At a pivotal life point **we needed to hear God**

We didn't have **the faith** to move forward - (sister in law)

We had been **listening intently in His Word** since our redemption

How do we recognize His voice?

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NEXT WEEK: Hearing Him by His Conduct

After **His Response** and **His Spirit**, we'll conclude **MIND GAMES** with:

- **Origins & Endings** and
- **How Should We Then Live?**