You Heard God's Voice. Now What?

Key Scripture

John 10:27
“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

Respond with Attention

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Primary Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1–10

Samuel’s first response to God was availability. He did not yet fully understand what was happening, but he positioned himself to listen.

Respond with Humility

“Lord, I need You to lead me.”

Primary Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6
'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. '

Responding to God requires surrendering the assumption that we already know best.

- Pride argues with God.
- Humility listens, receives, and adjusts.
- God’s voice often challenges our preferences, habits, plans, or comfort.

A humble man does not just ask God to bless his plans. He asks God to direct his steps.

Respond with Trust

“Even when I don’t fully understand, I will trust You.”

Primary Scripture: Genesis 12:1–4

God told Abraham to go before Abraham knew exactly where he was going. His response was faith.

God rarely gives us the whole map.

Faith often means taking the next step, not knowing every step.

Trust grows when we remember God’s faithfulness.

Respond with Obedience

“Do whatever He tells you.”

Primary Scripture: John 2:1–11

At the wedding in Cana, Mary gave simple but powerful instruction: “Do whatever he tells you.”

Respond with Repentance When Needed

“Search me, O God.”

Primary Scripture: Psalm 139:23–24
'Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'

Sometimes God’s voice comforts us. Sometimes it convicts us.

Respond with Courage

“Here am I. Send me.”

Primary Scripture: Isaiah 6:8
'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send?
And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” '

When Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord, his response was availability and courage.

Respond with Action

“Faith without works is dead.”

Primary Scripture: James 1:22; James 2:17

James reminds us that we are not called merely to hear the Word, but to do it.

When God speaks, our response matters.

We can ignore Him.
We can delay.
We can argue.
We can make excuses.

Or we can say:
“Lord, I am listening.”
“Lord, I trust You.”
“Lord, I will obey.”
“Lord, send me.”

How to Respond to God's Voice

1. Respond with attention
2. Respond with humility
3. Respond with trust
4. Respond with obedience
5. Respond with repentance if needed
6. Respond with courage
7. Respond with action

Discussion