

The Oft-Overlooked Way Holy Spirit Is Speaking to You

God speaks to us daily, in multiple ways. Sometimes He speaks to us in a powerful encounter. Sometimes He whispers to our hearts in the quiet place. And sometimes it's through the Word, teaching or worship. But there is one often-overlooked way that God speaks to us. This is in our interaction with each other.

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At five o'clock that evening, I received a text from a woman I know who knew nothing of my situation. It was just a note to let me know I had been on her heart all day. She then shared with me what God had been showing her when she thought of me. She didn't have any details about my life, just a simple picture of the faithfulness and strength of God at work.

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I was so profoundly encouraged. Why? Because Holy Spirit saw me, was there with me and whispered my name to the heart of another person. But what if that person hadn't had the courage to share with me? What if she had allowed busyness or fear to

distract her? So many times, God speaks someone's name to our hearts, but we blow it off as a passing thought. Or maybe we disqualify ourselves by thinking we have nothing worthwhile to say. I believe one of the main ways He speaks to us is through each other. We are a part of a body, after all. Simply letting someone know they've been on your heart can be the thing that gives them the courage to take the next step.

He wants to use you as a mouthpiece.

Life and death are in the power of our words. We should be bold and use those words to build each other up. He wants to use you as a mouthpiece to speak life to others. We have a holy mandate to strengthen and encourage the ones He has surrounded us with. To whom is God speaking through you? What part of the body is waiting to be strengthened by your voice?

We are all in this together. {eoa}

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