

What Really Happens When God Speaks

What happens when God speaks? Things are created out of nothing. Our human minds can't conceive of having nothing one minute, speaking and the next having what you spoke. That's exactly what God did. One minute there was nothing and the next He spoke the world into existence.

Something From Nothing

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water" (Gen. 1:1-2).

Throughout the first chapter of Genesis, we learn that God's word was creative enough to bring life where it never was before.

God spoke and there was light (Gen. 1:3). God spoke and there was sky (Gen. 1:6). God spoke, and there was land (Gen. 1:8). God spoke and plants appeared (Gen. 1:11). God spoke and the sun, moon and stars appeared (Gen. 1:14). God spoke and fish and birds came into being (Gen. 1:20).

God spoke and all the animals, reptiles and bugs appeared (Gen. 1:24). Finally God spoke, "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ...'" (Gen. 1:26). "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Gen. 1:27).

Recorded Words

This wasn't just a one-time occurrence, though. Throughout history God has spoken in various ways. His words are recorded in the best-seller of all times. As an author myself, I want

to pay attention to a book that is not just a best seller, but No. 1 in all of history and continues selling even today.

Whatever words are contained there must be pretty important. Actually, those words are as creatively important as the words that spoke the world into existence because they come from the same Source.

If God were to write another book, it would be a best-seller, as well, but He hasn't. Or has He?

Another Best-Seller

Paul told the believers at the church in Corinth, "For you are prominently declared to be the letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on human tablets of the heart" (2 Cor. 3:3).

Could God's next best seller be another creative way of writing? Could it be Him writing His story through your life? You may be a 16-year-old with piercings and tattoos. God designed you with a unique way of speaking His Word to your generation.

You may be a young stay-at-home mom with toddlers. You are struggling to get through the day just hanging on to Jesus. You can speak God's words to frazzled moms like no one else. Or maybe you are a young father trying to make sure your family is taken care of while you are facing downsizing of your job and dwindling new job prospects. You, too, have a message of how God is your provider.

You may be the CEO of a large corporation understanding all the biases and headaches of being a powerful woman or man in that world. You can speak God's words to an entirely different group of people.

Perhaps you are in the midst of a medical, financial or

relational storm. You have no idea what to do, but you know the One who has the plan. You are intimately acquainted with Gods' words to speak to others in your same situation.

You may be a grandma or grandpa with years of experience walking with the Lord. Your words are not out-of-date. They are a legacy, born out of the wisdom of age.

God Speaks

God speaks every day through our lives. He publishes us into the world. When He speaks to us, plans are created out of nothing. We didn't see it before, but all of a sudden, God speaks and it is so real we can touch it.

I had an experience like that when I began writing *Sweet Grace*. I saw the book before it existed. So did God. He spoke in my spirit to write the words of my life in a book (see Jer. 30:2).

He showed me people who needed to hear the message of how He worked in my life, how His words, His power and His presence made a difference.

God Specializes in Impossible

It seemed an impossible task, just like speaking the world into existence. However, God specializes in impossible tasks. Whatever He calls us to do is possible (Mark 10:27). It can be done through the power of His grace (2 Cor. 12:9).

The biggest mistake I ever made was to ignore God's voice when I knew He was speaking to me.

The best decisions I've ever made, though, have been when I have listened to and followed what He told me.

What is He saying to you? What is He telling you to do?

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