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## Introduction

1. Man has always desired to communicate
  - a. Kids always told to “Be Quiet!”
  - b. Torture – Solitary confinement, isolation chambers – we seem to be very comfortable with silence
  - c. Man has devised many ways to communicate – from smoke signals to written language to telephones and computers
  - d. The Greek Philosopher Aristotle said, “Man is a social animal”
2. God created us like Him – a communicator

Genesis 1:26 (Message) God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature.”

## God Speaks

1. The Triune God communicates with each other
2. God communicates with His people
  - a. Genesis 3:8
  - b. Hebrews 1:1-2 (Message)

## Does He Still Speak Today?

1. He speaks thoughts into our minds (Romans 12:2)
2. He speaks through our conscience (1 Timothy 1:5)
3. He speaks through dreams (Acts 9:10; 10:3)
4. He speaks through His Spirit to our spirit (Romans 8:16)
5. He speaks through His Word (2 Timothy 3:16)

## How Come He Seems Silent?

1. Noise (1 Kings 19:12)
2. Not able to recognize His voice (John 10:2-5)
3. No real desire to hear (Hebrews 11:6)
4. Not taking what has been said before seriously (Psalm 66:18)
5. Not realizing He has already spoken through His Word (Psalm 119:105)

## To Hear From Him

1. Desire (Psalm 42)
2. Act on your desire (Hebrews 11:6)
3. Obey what he has said (Psalm 119:100)
4. Keep your relationship with Him fresh

- a. Think right
- b. Speak right
- c. Live right.

## **Conclusion**

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And every common bush aflame with God  
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