# **Hearing God Above It All**

### Ready:

"My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me." -John 10:27

#### Set

The crowd is screaming. It's a big game: a rivalry, a championship or just a great contest with a frenzied crowd cheering at the top of their lungs. The gym is filled with so much noise from the crowd, the band and the PA announcer. The coach, who has almost lost his voice, yells out to his players to make an adjustment, and the players respond. But how does the player even hear his coach among the chaos and the intense noise in his surroundings? Because he spends time with the coach in the weight room, at practice and maybe even in the classroom. Thus, he hears the voice of his coach day after day and recognizes his voice in the intensity of the game.

Jesus says to us in John 10:27: "My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me." Do you hear God's voice during intense situations in life? Do you hear Him coaching you in the big decisions you make? If you are not hearing God in the midst of life's big games or through the noise of the crowd, ask yourself: Am I spending time listening to God in the quiet times? Do I do that each day so that I can recognize His voice when He does call to me?

By spending time with God daily we can begin to understand His instructions in all situations of life: the peaceful times, the storms or just above the everyday crowd noise. If you are one of God's children, learn to know your Father's voice so that He can direct you and guide you to make the right plays. By hearing His voice and responding to His instruction, we know we can get through our day in peace and in the right direction.

#### Go

- 1. Do you make time to listen to God?
- 2. Do you recognize His voice? How does He speak to you?
- 3. If you don't know how to hear God, talk to a trusted pastor or Christian friend. God reveals Himself in many different ways, and you must learn how to hear and recognize His voice.

#### Workout

Deuteronomy 4:12, 36 Psalm 29 John 10

#### **Bible Reference:**



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