# **The Voice We Follow**

A Guided Heart Check for Living Out Your Faith

"We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ," — 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 (AMP)

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# Heart Check — The Voice We Follow

The voice you follow reveals the god you trust.

The Spirit is not a backup plan—He's the original design.

The loudest voice in your life is the one that shapes your decisions. Fear is a voice—but so is God. And whichever one you follow reveals who you're really trusting. This post explores what happens when fear becomes your guide, and how self-awareness leads us back to surrender.

# Key Takeaway:

#### • The battle isn't just around you—it's within you.

The enemy's main strategy isn't chaos outside of you—it's confusion inside of you. That's why the fight is for your mind.

#### • Fear is a voice—but so is God.

Every decision is influenced by one of them. The voice you consistently obey reveals who you're actually following.

#### • What you refuse to face, you unconsciously follow.

Avoidance feels like protection—but it's actually quiet submission. Emotional clarity is the starting line of surrender.

#### • If you're not intentionally aligning with truth, you're already drifting.

Neutrality is a myth in the Kingdom. Even passivity is a direction. No decision is a decision.

#### • Faith digs even when there's no visible sign of rain.

Preparation before the breakthrough is one of the clearest signs of spiritual maturity. If you wait to see proof, you're not trusting—you're calculating.

#### • Self-awareness is the gateway to surrender.

Before you can grow, you have to know what's shaping you. Before you change your life, you have to challenge your patterns.

# Breath + "Return to the Voice"

**Posture**: Sit upright, feet grounded, hands open on your lap. Timing: 3–5 minutes Use this breath rhythm:

- Inhale deeply through your nose for 4 counts
- Hold for 2 counts
- Exhale slowly through your mouth for 6 counts
- Pause for 2 counts

Repeat 5–10 cycles.

As you breathe, speak this truth slowly on each exhale:

*"I don't follow fear—I follow the Father." "His voice leads me to peace." "I surrender the noise. I receive His truth."* 

Let your breath anchor you in God's presence. When the noise rises, this is how you return to the Voice.

# **Guided Prayer**

Lord, make Your voice louder than fear. Give us ears to hear You, eyes to see You, and a heart that longs to follow You. We surrender our survival mode. We trust Your heart. And we choose Your voice over every lie. Amen.

## Scripture References (AMP):

- 2 Corinthians 2:12–13 Paul missing an open door due to internal unrest
- John 10:10 The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy
- John 8:44 Satan is the father of lies
- John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice"
- Exodus 20:3-5 "You shall have no other gods before Me"
- Matthew 7:3–5 Take the log out of your own eye first
- Philippians 4:6–7 "Do not be anxious... the peace of God will guard your heart"
- Romans 8:28 God works all things for good
- John 14:15 "If you love Me, obey My commands"
- 2 Corinthians 10:5 Take every thought captive
- Galatians 5:22–23 Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace...
- John 16:33 "In this world, you will have trouble... but I have overcome it"

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# **Reflection Questions**

What voice has been shaping my recent decisions—fear or faith? Take an honest look. Are you leaning into self-protection or Spirit-led peace?

Where in my life have I been avoiding awareness—and what might God be trying to show me there? Fear hides in the places we refuse to look. God brings light where we let Him in.