



## Understanding the Bible as the Primary way that God speaks to us.

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### Two ways that God speaks to us through the Scripture

1. Universally

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2. Personally

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#### Hebrews 4:12 NLT

*For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*

### Two Greek words that are translated to “WORD”

- **Logos** - Generally understood as the word of God to everybody

#### John 1:1 NLT

*In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

- **Rhema** - is the word of God to you personally

#### Ephesians 1:18 NLT

*I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.*

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### Knowing that God speaks to us personally is key

1. It's the key to understanding saving faith.  

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2. It's key to understanding faith to act and obey.  

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3. It's the key to claiming God's promises to us.  

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4. It's the key to understanding answered prayers.  

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5. It's the key to receiving guidance from God.  

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Only our communion with God provides the appropriate context for communication between us and him.

**Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to accelerate your growth in recognizing God's voice.**



### Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions

- How would you describe your current engagement with scripture?
- Are there things that typically keep us from spending time with God's word?
- What steps could we take to grow our engagement with God's word, making space and room for us to increase our ability to tune in God's voice?