

**Key Scripture**

Proverbs 18:24 TLB

There are "friends" who pretend to be friends,  
 but there is **a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

**Back in the day**

1 Samuel 3:1 NLT

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. **Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon.**

**Today**

John 16:13 NASU

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not **speak on His own initiative**, but whatever He hears, **He will speak**; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that **He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.**

**God speaks in different ways...**

✓ His **WORD** (both written & in the flesh)

John 1:14 NKJV

And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**

✓ **Holy Spirit**

1 Timothy 4:1 NLT

Now **the Holy Spirit tells us clearly** that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

✓ **Dreams & Visions** (Acts 9:10 Ananias, Acts 10:3,10,19 Cornelius & Peter)

✓ **Desires**

Psalms 37:4 NASU

**Delight yourself in the Lord**; And He will give you the **desires of your heart.**

✓ **Promptings** (Open & Closed Doors of opportunities, Timing)

Revelation 3:7 CEV

I am the one who is holy and true, and I have the keys that belonged to David. When I **open a door, no one can close it. And when I close a door, no one can open it.**  
**Listen to what I say.**

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**Closer**  
**When God Speaks...**

**How to have a heart to listen...**

**1. Silent heart.**

Mark 6:46 NKJV

And when **He had sent them away**, He departed to the mountain to pray.

**Many different voices:**

- ✓ **The World:** peer pressure, worldly standards.
- ✓ **The Flesh:** our sinful desires and thoughts.
- ✓ **The devil:** lies, doubts, deception, confusion, destruction.
- ✓ **God's Voice:** always true, trustworthy, encouraging.

**2. Servant's heart.**

1 Samuel 3:10 NLT

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel replied, "**Speak, your servant is listening.**"

**3. Surrendered heart.**

John 10:27-28 NLT

27 **My sheep listen to my voice**; I know them, and **they follow me**. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

**How will you respond when God speaks?**

Revelation 3:20 NLT

Look! I stand at the door and knock. **If you hear my voice and open the door,**  
 I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

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