

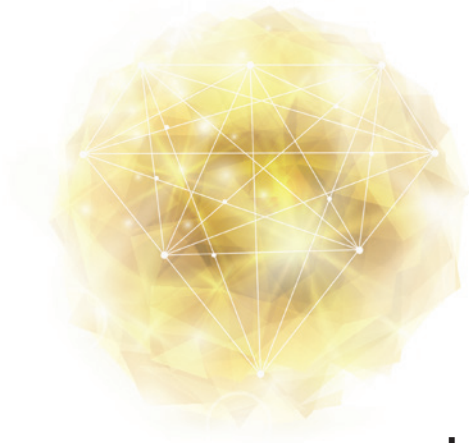
LOVE SPEAKS:
HEARING
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PART 2

A FREE E-BOOK FROM THE AUTHOR OF
*Love Speaks: 21 Ways to
Recognize God's Multi-Faceted Voice*



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I Will Guide You

I have something very personal to share with you.

I am a cancer survivor.

That's right. Some years ago, at the age of 43, with a loving wife and 3 amazing children, I was diagnosed with Stage 3b Melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. By the time we caught it, it had spread into my lymph nodes and become dangerous. At the time of my diagnosis, I was not given any cure.

I absolutely needed to hear from God as MY Father. This was, quite literally, life and death. I was offered 5 choices of possible Treatments, one of which was to simply do nothing. Some people that made that choice in my condition did not live out that same year. Really, it's true.

I had to hear from God Himself.

I went to prayer, multiple times, in seeking Him. One day as I was reading and meditating in the Psalms, a particular passage leaped off the page and I felt it was the Father speaking directly to me. He gave me a passage of Scripture from Psalm 32,

*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way in which you shall go.
I will guide you with My eye” (Psalm 32:8).*

This was a personal promise from my Father that He was going to take the initiative to speak with me, face to face, eye to eye!

I don't have space to share the whole journey here of living with cancer these past years. However, I will share that He indeed met me, “face to face” about a month after that revelation. Did He actually physically appear? No. But He met me all the same. When I say, “face to face” I mean that in one weekend alone, He sent me 8 unique “contacts,” some direct, some very in-direct, that helped me choose the right path of the cancer Treatments.¹

And He has continued to surround me with His songs of deliverance.

I am now years into this battle, and I am still here. Praise God!

So, if you have been raised in more of a religious upbringing and never expected God as your Father to “talk back” when you pray, this book is for you.

Or if you have been or are in the midst of a trial, wondering how the Lord will choose to speak (and perhaps wondering even if He hears your cries), this book is for you.

He took the initiative with a young, short-statured, rejected, red-headed religious boy, and spoke. And proved His eternal love for me.

He took the initiative with a struggling man in his 40s with a wife and family to support, struck with disease and desperate for an answer, and spoke.

And He WILL speak to you. You will begin to “NOTICE” Him more and more, and even grow to “EXPECT” His answers to your prayers.

Read on in these pages to begin walking on a new road. A new journey lies ahead, hand in hand with your Heavenly Father. Abba is waiting. Take His hand and start the adventure, for Love Speaks!

— Carl Wesley Anderson, April 2018, Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A.

¹ All 8 of these “contacts from God” which I experienced that weekend are unique “Ways” and are included as separate chapters in my full teaching book, “Love Speaks: 21 Ways to Recognize God’s Multi-Faceted Voice,” available on <http://www.amazon.com> or <http://www.borntoblaze.com>

You may be thinking, “Can I really begin a journey to experience the voice of my Heavenly Father today?”

What if the answer is a resounding, “YES!”?

It is!

Here is my revolutionary thought: your Heavenly Father has his own unique voice, and His own primary ways of speaking to you and leading you. Once again, I do not dare to presume that these primary ways are the only ways He speaks, as He is God and He is eternally cloaked in mystery and wonder.

As a quick foundational understanding of all 3 Persons of the Trinity and how they all primarily speak, let me share a piece from the introduction to my full teaching book called,

Love Speaks: 21 Ways to Recognize God’s Multi-Faceted Voice.

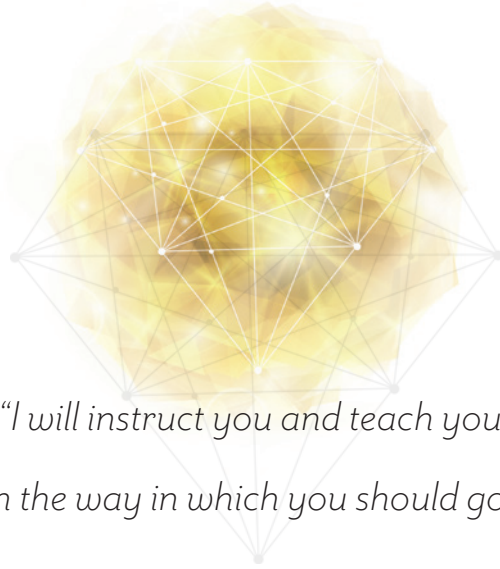
“As Jonathan Edwards once noted after studying the topic of the Triune God extensively, “I think [the doctrine of the Trinity] to be the highest and deepest of all Divine mysteries.”

As a diamond or special gemstone reflects the light shone upon it in many facets, so God’s glory upon you continually reflects many aspects of His voice to discern and His love to experience, and all 3 Persons of the Trinity are actively involved.

To put it very simply, as you study each way God speaks, think of His contact with you in these terms (while remembering that this is all a mystery):

- 1) The Father speaks primarily externally, through His Providence, circumstances, nature and creation, and other ways.

These signs of His love are quite literally everywhere. And each sign then bears witness within your spirit, through the Holy Spirit’s confirmation.



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“For God (the Father) so loved (agape) the world that He gave His one and only son” (John 3:16).

- 2) The Son, Jesus Christ speaks primarily through both His Word (the Bible) and through His Body (other believers). We are all part of the one Body of Christ no matter what our church background. His Word (the Bible) is the foundation of all revelation and the trusted source of confirmation for everything we hear from God.

“The Son of God (Jesus) who loved (agape) me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

- 3) The Holy Spirit speaks primarily internally, from within your human spirit, as He now inhabits your heart with the divine Kingdom of God. His voice flows out of your mind and can be discerned by your spirit. And He confirms all direction at least two or three times through both internal and external means.

“I urge you by the love (agape) of the (Holy) Spirit” (Romans 15:30).

Note: The Holy Spirit as a Person comes to abide inside every believer in Jesus Christ. His workings require the believer to actively participate in a sanctifying, holy lifestyle that involves a dying to self and old, selfish priorities.

While you are reading, perhaps consider a fresh surrender to Jesus Christ, and a fresh commitment to participation with the Holy Spirit, as He leads you to die to yourself and your old ways, and you learn new ways to communicate with Him.

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Thus, with the Holy Spirit’s help, you can learn to truly listen to God’s multi-faceted voice and follow Christ who said, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Matthew 16:24).”²

² An excerpt from, “Love Speaks: 21 Ways to Recognize God’s Multi-Faceted Voice” by Carl Wesley Anderson, Born to Blaze Ministries Publishing, 2006. Visit <http://www.borntobreaze.com> for more information.

To learn even more about the Trinity and all 21 “Ways” to recognize God’s multi-faceted voice, I would encourage you to purchase your own copy of, “Love Speaks” or check out our various documentary films and other resources, to learn more about the ways of the Son, Jesus Christ, and the ways of the Holy Spirit. They are awesome! **Visit us today at <http://www.borntoblaze.com>**

The Father Carries You

This special ebook shares on one main aspect of this idea that “Abba, Father” is ready, willing, and able to speak individually to you out of His vast love for you. I try to help answer the “WHY?” question. “Why can I be assured that my Heavenly Father will speak to me directly?”

Why does the Eternal One, who is complete in Himself and filled with infinite attributes, want to fill my heart with His love, to reach out, and share a dialogue with me?

To really own this truth and make it personal in application, let’s explore some Scripture together and see something of the revealed will of the Father. He, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, had a heart for you as His fallen creation, even before you were born.

He had a desire in His heart to seek you out, offer forgiveness for your sins through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son, and shower His love upon you. He loves you, and His desire (through all times and seasons, and also especially in the context of these Last Days) is to continue to show you His love, in multitudes of special ways and very personal ways.

And as you receive the Father’s love every day, you can show that same love that He gives to the people around you who so desperately need it.

Let’s begin with a few Scriptures that tell a tale of a Father’s love, and answer the “why?” question; it was only revealed through one people, the descendants of Abraham.

Consider this wonderful passage, part of the recollection speech which Moses is giving to remind the children of Israel about just how special the Lord has been to them,

“In the wilderness you saw how the Lord your God carried you, AS A FATHER CARRIES HIS SON, all the way you went until you reached this place” (Deuteronomy 1:31).

He goes on to share something of the very nature and character of God as a Father.

God as “Our Father” (again, quoting Jesus’ prayer in Matthew 6) has 4 amazing attributes to His character that are fatherly: offering His children protection, provision, identity and ultimately inheritance.

Let’s examine these themes in Scripture together so you can begin to grasp how deep His love is for you, and how He is longing to show you that He has gone ahead of you and prepared many blessings for you on your journey.

Let’s begin with PROTECTION and PROVISION.

“The LORD your God goes before you on your way, to seek out a place for you to encamp (an example of how He is protecting His children), in fire by night and cloud by day (an example of His provision), to show you the way in which you should go”
(Deuteronomy 1:33).

Through this symbol of the appearance of a cloud to the children of Israel as they navigated through the wilderness, we discover something of the character of God as Our Father.

This supernatural substance had an appearance of a cloud by day, offering shade from the heat of the sun in the desert. It transformed and had an appearance of fire by night, offering comfort, light, and warmth on the cool evenings in the desert.

I love the idea of the Father going ahead of His children, seeking out the very best places to camp which offer protection and provision.

Next, let's cover IDENTITY and INHERITANCE.

You Will Bring Me Pleasure

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, published originally in 1647 by the Church of England, reminds people that, “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”

This is a very powerful statement, and something for each of you to ponder as you enter the last of the Last Days. It provides a temporal and eternal perspective, at least from the vantage point of us, the children of God, the recipients of our Father's love. But what of HIS temporal and eternal perspective? Have you ever dared to ask the radical question,

“What is the chief end of the Father?”

I am going to attempt to offer at least one answer to that question.

Moses reminds us later in Deuteronomy something of the wonder of God the Father in a song he sang prophetically over the Father's children. He sang these words,

“For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance” (Deuteronomy 32:9).

Wow! That kind of turns our thoughts around. You and I, as His own children, are His inheritance—eternally! Arise and sing to your Father in Heaven today, like Moses did. The Lord knows your heartbeat and longs to hear the sound of your voice, singing praises to Him.

You are His very own eternal possession.

You were created to glorify Him, but also to bring Him pleasure.

If you are a parent with a child and are reading this, think back for a moment to a time when your son or daughter made you feel proud. Dare I say, where they actually brought you PLEASURE in something they said or did.

My wife and I have three wonderful children. As of the time of this writ-

ing, all three are somewhere in the midst of college or high school. They are wonderful kids (not without blemishes, but still wonderful) and I tell them all the time how proud I am of them.

Both of my sons and my daughter have very unique personalities and do things all the time that make me feel delight and joy.

God Has No Grandchildren

Now consider that, from times eternal, it was in the heart of the fullness of the Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit, to create a race of beings which would share eternity with them. Thus, redeemed men and women would bring that same Trinity great pleasure and happiness and joy.

You were
created to
spend eternity
with God.

For all eternity to come!

Corrie ten Boom once said, “God has no grandchildren.”

So, for eternity, it won't be like it is for you if you have grandchildren and they come over and play on your floor and you can spoil them, and then just send them home at the end of the day to your son or daughter and they are their responsibility; No!

Indeed, there are only sons in the Kingdom—sons of the Father!

There are only daughters in the Kingdom—daughters of the Father!

There are no grandsons or granddaughters!

You are given a whole new identity through your relationship with Jesus the Messiah: you become sons and daughters of the Father—of His Father and your Father—and you receive your eternal inheritance. You get to enjoy Him forever.

Amazingly and according to Deuteronomy 32, HE TOO receives YOU as HIS INHERITANCE.

HE receives pleasure and joy every day in sharing eternal life with YOU.

“Pleasure is not a word that is common in the Christian vocabulary. How long, if ever, since you’ve heard a message on God’s pleasure?” shares my long-time mentor and colleague Rev. Alan Langstaff,

“Perhaps it is a forgotten aspect of God’s nature that God can express pleasure—real pleasure. We receive a major insight into this dimension of the nature of God in the relationship that the Father has with Jesus, His son.

“Twice in the Gospels it is recorded that a voice came from heaven and said, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased.” This happened once at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan (Luke 3:22), and then on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:5). In both cases two dimensions are mentioned: LOVE (You are My beloved Son), and PLEASURE (in You I am well pleased).

“The Message translation puts it this way:

“This is My Son, marked by My love, focus of My delight.”

And, Psalm 149:4 also tells us that “the LORD takes pleasure in His people.”³

I Feel His Pleasure

In 2018 I finished creating my first series of documentary short films for broadcast television (called, “Love Speaks”). In Episode 5, I traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland, to tell the story of one of the most famous Scots in recent history.⁴

His name was Eric Liddell, the Scottish athlete who took a stand for his faith in the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, refusing to run his favored race of 100 meters, because it happened to take place on the Sabbath. His life contains one great example of how a person can actually feel that the Father is pleased with them.

³ Alan Langstaff, Kairos Ministries, published in, “The Langstaff Letter,” Fall 2012.

⁴ For more information on how you can see all 7 documentary films in the Series, visit <http://www.borntoblaze.com>

“In the film, *Chariots of Fire*⁵, Liddell is taking a walk with his sister who is concerned that his career in running is taking the focus off of his calling to future missionary work.

“He shares with her this most amazing thought, “I believe God made me for a purpose—for China and the mission field. But He also made me fast. And when I run, I FEEL HIS PLEASURE.”

He ran his races, and ultimately won the 400 meters in Paris, to bring pleasure to the Father. What an accomplishment, and what a heart!

Begin on your journey, wherever you are right now, to awaken each dawn with this unique idea:

“God, as MY Father, is feeling pleasure with me today!”

And the truth is, He will be feeling pleasure for you as His son or daughter for every moment for eternity!



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5 Ibid.