

.God Speaks: Two Common Mistakes

Unit 5 Day 1 of Experiencing God

Introduction:

●Fill in the Blanks

- God is always at w_____ around you.
- God constantly p_____ a love relationship with you.
- God i_____ me to become involved in His work.
- God s_____ to us.

- This fourth pattern is the subject of this unit – there are two common mistakes made in relation to God speaking.

Error #1 - Focusing on the m_____ instead of the fact

- Read Heb 1:1 – states that God communicated in the O.T. in the prophets in many w_____.

- What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit's role in John 16:13? –

- Let's look at some methods of communication

1. D_____ (Gen 37)
2. V_____ (Acts 10)
3. U_____ and Thumim (I Sam 28:5,6)
4. P_____ (2 Pet 1:20,21)
5. A_____ (Acts 27:23,24; Lk 1:26,31)
6. D_____ (Gen 12)

- Heb 1:1 does not emphasize the method God used to speak but the f_____ that He spoke to the people of the O.T.

Error #2 – Focusing on the e_____ instead of the message

- 2Cor 12:1-6: Paul warns about being experience-oriented

1. Paul could have boasted about his v_____
2. Verse 6 states Paul focused on not the unseen experiences but what people could s_____ in him and h_____ in him.

- Application – experience-oriented Christianity tends to produce superficial experiences.

Conclusion – God speaks His will to us in various ways. We must pay attention to w_____ He is saying (Heb 1:2; 2:1; Jn 8:47a).