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The Power of a Whisper

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1 Kings 19:9-12: And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

¹¹ Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD. And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

Gen 3:8: And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Deut 5:23-24: So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. ²⁴ "And you said: 'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he *still* lives.

Isaiah 50:4-5: The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him who is* weary. He awakens Me morning by

morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away.

Acts 9:17-18: And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

Heb 10:19, 22: Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Small Group Interaction:

1. According to 1 Kings 19:12, how would you describe God's preferred method of speaking to His people?
2. Why do you think some people have difficulties believing that God could speak directly to them?
3. Name one good way we can position ourselves to hear from God, or to hear more from God?
4. Do you picture God as available, approachable, and ready to talk to you? Why or why not?