

STAYING ON COURSE BY THE DIRECTION OF THE VOICE OF GOD.

1. **Paul** (Ac. 27:10) "Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives."
 1. Did not heed; much damage to ship.
 2. Only through obedience to man of God were their lives spared.
 2. **If God would only speak to me.**
 - (1) He's already spoken.
 - (2) How many times does He have to repeat Himself?
 3. **God speaks through various means.**
 1. Wind, earthquake, fire. (1 Ki 19:9 KJV) And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? (1 Ki 19:10 KJV) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. (1 Ki 19:11 KJV) And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks 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: (1 Ki 19:12 KJV) And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire:
 2. Still small voice. ...and after the fire a still small voice.
 3. Voice in our ear. (Isa 30:21 KJV) And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.
 4. **Must have a trained ear.**
 1. Everybody can hear the thunder and see the lightning.
 - (1) Some have been hit by the lightning and still haven't gotten the message.
 - (2) Hopefully, getting swallowed by a whale will get our attention.
 - (3) Or you should suspect something if your jackass tries to throw you off and then he starts talking to you!
 2. More difficult to hear small voice.
 5. **"The devil told me to do it."**
 1. Why are you listening to him?
 2. If there is a little demon sitting on your shoulder whispering in your ear, there's a big angel standing nearby!
2. STAYING ON COURSE BY THE DIRECTION OF THE WORD.
1. **Not followed fables.** (2 Pet 1:16 KJV) For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
 2. **A heavenly voice.** (2 Pet 1:17 KJV) For he received from God the Father honour

and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (2 Pet 1:18 KJV) And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

3. ***A more sure word.*** (2 Pet 1:19 KJV) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
 1. No private interpretation (2 Pet 1:20 KJV) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
 2. By the Holy Ghost. (2 Pet 1:21 KJV) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
4. ***The direction of the Word.***
 1. (Psa 119:105 KJV) NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
 2. (Prov 4:18 KJV) But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.