Refuse To Hear God's Voice? Bad Idea.
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In essence, what the above (and others) will do is get you under a Red Dragon curse from God and He will send strong delusion on you that is meant for your destruction and you won't even know it. You have made up your own religion and you're going your own way. And He'll turn you over to it.

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Probably the worst deception of all, the most dangerous to your soul and the most beneficial to the enemy, is the lie that God doesn't talk to us anymore. It denies relationship, it neuters the Holy Spirit, and it keeps us from really being able to have Him write His law on our hearts so He can explain everything to us on the fly and show its personal application to our daily walk with Him. (And it's really impolite to talk AT Him all the time and never expect Him to say anything back -- or ignore Him if He tries. That's no way to treat your Dad. What kind of relationship do you expect to have like that?)

There is no factual or observational reason I can discern that we needed to stop hearing from Him just because the Bible was completed. The fact that there are abuses and fakers and liars, doesn't mean the real thing isn't out there. God offered Man a whole bunch of chances to hear His voice, but we keep refusing to hear from Him and instead preferring to listen to Man -- or satan. And every time we do listen to somebody else instead of Him, there are bad consequences. Here are some examples:

**Genesis 3:13, 16 (KJV)**
13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ... 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

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**Genesis 3:17-19 (KJV)**
17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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**Genesis 16:2 (KJV)**
And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

God told Abram to wait and Sarai would have a child. But Abram listened to Sarai instead and got Hagar pregnant and had Ishmael. And Ishmael is the father of all the Arabs and has been no end of trouble for Israel ever since.

**Hebrews 3:12-19 (KJV)**
Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Here they hardened their hearts, refused to listen to His voice and they all died in the desert.
Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (KJV)

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: 19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

God obeys His own rules. And His rule here says that if a son refuses to obey the voice of his father, then he's to be taken out and stoned. Better to have no son at all then a rebellious, drunkard, disgraceful, disobedient son. Jesus was the opposite of that. What are you? You may not get stoned in the "natural" - but if you refuse to listen to God, you'll get pelted with rocks spiritually until you repent or die. He'll do it Himself. Evidently fear is not such a bad thing. God talks about the need for us to fear Him a lot! It is supposed to make us VERY attentive and obedient! Unfortunately we have a really serious "Fear of the Lord" shortage in America. What are you doing to turn that around?

Jeremiah 7:21-28 (KJV)

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. 22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: 23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. 24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: 26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. 27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee. 28 But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

That's a pretty depressing commissioning service for Jeremiah isn't it? "Go and speak this, but I can tell you ahead of time that they're going to completely ignore you." (And throw him in prison.) Fun. God's cool. Not only are they not going to listen to God, they're not going to listen to anybody He sends to try to get through to them either. They're not listening to the Commandments or the written Law – or to the prophets sent to speak Truth to them and call them back the Lord. And why exactly do we not need prophets to do that anymore? Are we not a thousand times more rebellious and selfish and murderous than Israel? Oh yeah! I forgot – "that which is perfect has come" and Bible is complete now so we don't need prophets. That's what Israel said. We have the Torah, go away and leave us alone. God would not send prophets to speak if the people were actually obeying the written Word! It’s the same today. If we were obeying the Bible, we wouldn't need God to send prophets to tell us to repent. But since we're totally blaspheming the Holy Spirit and full of dissension, factions, selfish ambition, envy, lust, pride, greed and so many other things, how can it be said we're even obeying the written Word? (Gal. 5:19-21) Are we not quarreling? Are we not taking the names of men and dividing up into factions? Are we not divorcing? Are we not sold out to the world? Why would He give us meat when we are puking up the milk we already have?! We're not loving each other. We're not sacrificing. We're not being One Body. Of course, we still need prophets and apostles! We're not on the right foundation at all! We're worshiping another Jesus and have been for generations! Somebody has to speak Truth no matter the consequences because we're so stubborn and stiff-necked that we can explain away and justify even the written Words in front of our own face!

We need prophets who will hear the voice of God and speak hard truth because we refuse to hear His voice ourselves or He might actually write His law on our hearts and keep us from sinning – and we desperately don’t want that to happen because we like our sin too much. (And the enemy really, REALLY doesn't want that to happen!)

Here it is, right here. The people have been getting chances to hear His voice all the way back to the Garden, but we keep insisting we'd rather listen to ANYTHING but His voice. Eve listened to the snake, Adam listened to Eve. Here the children of Israel want to listen to Moses instead of God.
Exodus 20:18-21 (KJV)
18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. 19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. 20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. 21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

Deuteronomy 5:22 (ASV)
22 These words Jehovah spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them unto me.

You see? He spoke to ALL of them. It wasn't just Moses alone up on the mountain like in the movies. They ALL heard His voice and heard the Ten Commandments. And it freaked them out!

Deuteronomy 5:23-25 (ASV)
23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 and ye said, Behold, Jehovah our God hath showed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth speak with man, and he liveth. 25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of Jehovah our God any more, then we shall die.

And they begged and pleaded not to have to hear Him anymore. This is satan logic here. They're definitely hearing other voices because this makes absolutely no sense at all. God wanted to talk to them all the time. He only gave them those Ten Commandments – and then His voice with them all individually all the time would keep them from sinning. The fear of the Lord would be in the people because His constant presence would write the laws on their heart and show them the application of all the Big Ten to the whole rest of their circumstances. But they acknowledge they just heard God and aren't dead. But they don't want to hear Him anymore or they will die. (Something in them will die, that's for sure – their rulers and the "self" that likes the sin!) They don't believe any man can hear God and live, but they admit they just did. See the logic problems here? It gets worse.

Deuteronomy 5:26 (ASV)
26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

Well, that's a stupid question. THEY just heard Him and are still standing, but they're sure if you hear Him you'll die. Huh?

Deuteronomy 5:26 (ASV)
27 Go thou near, and hear all that Jehovah our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that Jehovah our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

So what do they do because they're so sure no flesh can hear God and live? They send Moses up to see what He wants! Isn't that a suicide mission? Is he not flesh? What kind of self-sacrifice and brotherly kindness and love is this?! They just shoved him up into the fire because they're too scared to get that close to God! They want Moses to go get instructions from God and they promise they'll obey Moses. They just exchanged the voice of God AGAIN for the voice of a man. And they never do really obey Moses! He can't individually and personally write it on their hearts and explain all the personal applications of those Ten Commandments to them on the fly as their day is going on. It's a whole lot easier to blow off the words of a man than when God is speaking to you directly and personally! (Believe me.) Satan knows that, and that's why he always wants us to NOT hear the voice of God for ourselves. And see what happens next?

Deuteronomy 5:26 (ASV)
28 And Jehovah heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and Jehovah said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. 29 Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for
ever! 30 Go say to them, Return ye to your tents. 31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it. 32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as Jehovah your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 Ye shall walk in all the way which Jehovah your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

The Lord gives the people ten little rules and lets them know He will write them on their hearts and keep them from sinning. All other rules fit inside those ten. He would have walked beside them personally and individually and kept them in line with those ten commandments, but they refused to personally hear His voice. They preferred – as we still do today – to send someone else up the mountain so we don't have to hear Him for ourselves. But the man who tells us what God wants for us can never really keep us from sinning. Because they refused to hear His voice, instead of just the ten, Moses had to go up the mountain and get 609 more rules and statutes and procedural instructions and dietary laws. How to handle property, what happens if your bull gets loose, what to do if someone has leprosy, how to properly wash things. It goes on and on and on! If they're not going to listen to God, then God is going to have to give it all in one dump to Moses and leave it to him to communicate it to the people and make sure they obey – which they never really do.

Are you getting this? It could have been so much more simple!! We could have just had the ten and God explaining it to us on the fly, but we would have rather listened to a Man than the Living God because it was too scary and we might have to give up some stuff we like. So God suggests another solution to get this done.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (KJV)
15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

God gets that maybe He's too big and scary for them to handle directly – but they're still not listening to Moses, so He agrees to raise up a prophet that maybe they will listen to. He agrees to send His Son to come in the flesh and talk to us personally. And when He did, we crucified Him. But God is still serious about you having to listen to Him, so even though Jesus isn't among us in the flesh anymore, He sent His Spirit back to talk to us and explain everything.

John 16:7-15 (KJV)
7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Hebrews 8:8-13 (KJV)
8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be
merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. (Also Hebrews 10:15-18)

See? That's what He wanted to do all the way back in Exodus 20 at Sinai, but they refused. So He sent Jesus and we killed Him. Then He sent the Holy Spirit and we're still trying to deny that even He can talk to us – despite it being right there in writing in the Word of God! Meanwhile we have great huge chunks of the Church who do NOT have His law written on their hearts and so He has not washed away their sin and iniquities. We're still denying Christ (and His Spirit) before men, so He's denying us before the Father. All because we refuse to listen to His voice. No matter what form it comes in. We're such stupid, stubborn sheep. We deserve whatever we get for this mess.

I don't want to argue about whether God talks to people today or not, it should just be obvious that if you do not have His laws written on your heart and mind enough to keep you from sinning, then you are probably refusing to listen to Him and/or have decided He can't talk to people and/or don't think He can actually keep you from sinning. We have pews full of sinners who are members of "churches" and think they are just fine. Somebody is lying to them – and it ain't God.

We have leaders who ferociously and fervently assert that God doesn't talk to people anymore. Why are they saying that? Well, partly because if nobody is going to have to teach their neighbor anymore because they “will all know God from the least to the greatest,” then we don't really need those guys up on stage anymore, do we? That's a real job security problem. What were all those years in seminary for if anybody can hear God and He will tell them what to do? What exactly do we need expository sermons for? Can the pastor really write God's law on your heart? Is that working across the spectrum of Christianity? If so, then why are we so full of wickedness and look so much like the world? I think, despite God showing up and talking, Jesus showing up and talking, and the Holy Spirit showing up and talking – we're still absolutely committed to only listening to MEN tell us what to do. (Or satan – either way – anything but God.)

Deuteronomy 8:19-20 (KJV)
19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. 20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 28:62 (KJV) - And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

Psalms 81:8-16 (KJV)
8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; 9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. 10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. 11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. 12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. 13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! 14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. 15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever. 16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

Psalms 106:21-27 (KJV)
They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea. 23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them. 24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: 25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD. 26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: 27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

Want some more. How about this? Kind of hard line here, isn't it? I'm not suggesting we do this literally, but I do believe God follows His own rules and He's already done it in the spirit to us. He has executed a bunch of people. We already have ruined and abandoned cities all over America. There wasn't a single city church – a
single Lampstand – in America two years ago. Total darkness. Don't take my word for it, double check with God (if you can hear His voice).

**Deuteronomy 13:1-18 (God's Word)**

1 One of your people, claiming to be a prophet or to have prophetic dreams, may predict a miraculous sign or an amazing thing. 2 What he predicts may even take place. But don't listen to that prophet or dreamer if he says, “Let's worship and serve other gods.” (Those gods may be gods you've never heard of.) 3 The LORD your God is testing you to find out if you really love him with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Worship the LORD your God, fear him, obey his commands, listen to what he says, serve him, and be loyal to him. 5 That prophet or dreamer must be put to death because he preached rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt and freed you from slavery. He was trying to lead you away from following the directions the LORD your God gave you. You must get rid of this evil.

6 Your own brother, son, or daughter, the wife you love, or your best friend may secretly tempt you, saying, “Let's go worship other gods.” (Those gods may be gods that you and your ancestors never knew. 7 They may be the gods of the people around you, who live near or far, from one end of the land to the other.) 8 Don't be influenced by any of these people or listen to them. Have no pity on them. Don't feel sorry for them or protect them. 9 You must put them to death. You must start the execution. Then all the other people will join you in putting them to death. 10 Stone them to death because they were trying to lead you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery in Egypt. 11 All Israel will hear about it and be afraid. Then no one among you will ever do such a wicked thing again.

12 You may hear that the residents in one of the cities which the LORD your God is giving you to live in 13 have been led away from the LORD your God by worthless people. You may hear that these people have been saying, “Let’s worship other gods.” (Those gods may be gods you’ve never heard of.) 14 Then make a thorough investigation. If it is true, and you can prove that this disgusting thing has been done among you, 15 you must kill the residents of that city with swords and destroy that city and everyone in it, including the animals, because they are claimed by God. 16 Gather their goods into the middle of the city square. Then burn their city and all their goods as a burnt offering to the LORD your God. It must remain a mound of ruins and never be rebuilt. 17 Don't ever take any of the things claimed for destruction. Then the LORD will stop being angry and will show you mercy. In his mercy he will make your population increase, as he swore to your ancestors. 18 The LORD your God will do this if you listen to him, obey all the commands that I'm giving you today, and do what he considers right.

Are we doing anything even closely resembling that? Are we even holding ANYBODY accountable for whatever stupid thing they feel like saying about God? What about this command?

**1 Timothy 5:19-21 (KJV)**

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. 20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. 21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

When was the last time you saw an elder rebuked publicly? More likely somebody said something stupid like, “Touch not God’s anointed,” to keep you from even thinking about doing it! The Word of God clearly commands us to publicly rebuke elders who are sinning. And preaching another Jesus definitely qualifies! What kind of other Jesus? Well, there's Emergency-Only-Jesus, Not-Quite-As-Good-As-The-Virgin-Mary-Jesus, Once-Saved-Always-Saved-Lifeguard-Jesus, All-Nice-People-Go-To-Heaven-Jesus, Manifestation-Jesus, Can't-Talk-Or-Heal-People-Jesus, Prosperity-Jesus, Purpose-Driven-Jesus, Seeker-Friendly-Jesus and thousands of others. Some folks just skip Jesus and worship the Holy Spirit!

**Jeremiah 2:28-29 (NIV)**

“Where then are the gods you made for yourselves? Let them come if they can save you when you are in trouble! For you have as many gods as you have towns, O Judah. Why do you bring charges against me? You have all rebelled against me,” declares the Lord.

The number of our gods has exceeded the number of our towns – and none of these gods are getting the job
done because mostly we made them all up. We have about 33,000 municipal governments in America and we have 37,000+ denominations that call themselves “Christian”. Most of them won't talk to the other ones. We're in big trouble. I hope you can see that. And how did it get this bad? Because we said stuff like this and totally didn't mean it at all.

Joshua 24:19-24 (God's Word)
19 But Joshua answered the people, “Since the LORD is a holy God, you can't possibly serve him. He is a God who does not tolerate rivals. He will not forgive your rebellious acts and sins. 20 If you abandon the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you. He will destroy you, although he has been so good to you.” 21 The people answered Joshua, “No! We will {only} serve the LORD!” 22 Joshua said to the people, “You have testified that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” They answered, “Yes, we have!” 23 “Get rid of the foreign gods that are among you. Turn yourselves entirely over to the LORD God of Israel.” 24 The people replied to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

They lived at peace with God only until Joshua died and nobody was watching, then they all turned back to their idols. They said all the right things, but they didn't really mean it. They turned their children over to the world around them.

I'm tired. You're probably tired, too. I don't want to keep pounding this note. If you haven't gotten it by now, there's probably nothing else I can say to you. Here's the upside – there are those coming who WILL listen and obey and they will be fierce and mighty because they will not look like the world and they will be under His command ALL the time. And when they come, they'll be bringing a consuming fire to test all that has been built by Man.

Joel 2:11 (KJV) - And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

You're supposed to be hearing Him. You're supposed to obey. Please ask Him what's clogging you up so that you can hear His voice better. Please? You're no good for this war if you can't hear commands from Headquarters.

Mark 9:7 (KJV) - And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

Luke 9:35 (KJV) - And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

John 10:27 (KJV) - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Isaiah 6:8 (KJV) - Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.
Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, we love You. We don't get all of this, but we know something is desperately wrong. We can't possibly get our head around how wrong and how bad and how much we've disobeyed you, but we get that it's a really big deal. Please, Abba, please show us anything in us that is standing between us and You. Purge us and cleanse us and rip it out. If there is a doctrine or a filter or an unforgiveness or anything keeping us from walking in the fullness of all You have for us, please show us and we'll say we're sorry. Please show us what to do to fix our cities. We're sorry we made such a mess. We're sorry we didn't follow the instructions and tried to put it together ourselves and now there are pieces left over and we don't know where they go and it's not working right. We're sorry, Dad. Please fix it. Please reboot it and set it back to the defaults and get it working again. We'll try to stay out of Your way and not pester You. Just do whatever it is You're going to do. If we get in Your way, just roll right over us. Whatever it takes, just please get this ride turned around. We love You, Lord. We're sorry. Please pour out Your Spirit on us in as big a measure as we can hold. If we're ready, give us a bigger cup and fill it full, shaken, pressed down and overflowing. We need more of You and less of us. Whatever it takes, if there is something we love and can't lay down, just rip it out of our grip. Please raise up all the warriors and let them come together and march shoulder to shoulder. Please show us what true community and true love really is. And even if nobody else goes, we'll stand alone. Even if you don't come and fix it, we're not going to believe in You any less. Just please hold our hand and explain it all to us. We don't want to hear it from any Man anymore. We need You to explain all of this to us. Thanks for Your grace and mercy. We should be toast by now for how badly we've messed this all up. Please forgive us and cleanse our land and restore Your people. Not for us, but for Your Name's sake. It's Your kingdom, Your power and Your glory forever – not ours, not ever. In the mighty Name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.