

## Speak Life: The Audible Voice of God

We are meant to be the Audible Voice of God

When was the last time someone genuinely checked in on you?

Can they show up one line at a time?

- 1 in 4 people in the U.S. ate *every single meal alone* last year.
- loneliness is a declared an epidemic.
- Loneliness is like smoking 15 cigarettes a day
- The second leading cause of death in our youth is suicide.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 "Just as a body, though one, has many parts... so it is with Christ."

You might be the only Bible someone ever reads.

Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up... that it may benefit those who listen."

God uses our direct and intentional words to encourage those around us.

- Fear of sounding awkward
- Fear of being "too much"
- Worry we'll say it wrong
- Hoping someone else will do it
- Just plain distracted

God uses our indirect words to encourage others.

*Romans 8:28, NIV*: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

1 Kings 19:11–13: Elijah was desperate to hear from God. First came a mighty wind — but God wasn't in the wind. Then an earthquake — but God wasn't in the earthquake. Then a fire — but God wasn't in the fire. Finally came a "still small voice"— and there was God.

The Audible Voice of God is in our mere Presence

Speak encouragement to at least one person today.

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.