Chapter 4: God Speaks by Prompting Us in Our Heart

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A prompting from the Lord may be similar to the tugging in our hearts, but it can also be misunderstood from the still quiet voice. The still quiet is a real voice, while the tugging from the heart is a constant impressing in our heart to do something. It's like we suddenly feel something is wrong with our loved ones and there is a constant leading to call them. God speaks to our hearts; he gives us a tug a prompting. It's like an urge to make phone call to someone, there is no message in the tugging. It's a call to a specific action. The prompting of the heart is like a tugging to pray for someone, maybe for safety maybe praying in tongues. But it has no messages in it, it's a feeling in the heart to do something really fast, it comes with and urgency.

And the feeling can repeat the entire day until you do something or until the moment of crisis has passed away where the warning has no more effect. It is sometimes known as a sudden panic to pray for someone who might be in danger and we are drawn by the feeling in our hearts to do the things for such a person.

Proverbs 21:1 (KJV)

21 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

One particular instant when I experienced this prompting happens to me when I had forgotten to switch off my ironing board and it was the Holy Spirit that prompted me to return to my apartment to check it out. The moment I had left my apartment, the prompting started. The prompting was quite strong and I was drawn to go back to my home. Although, I do not know what the matter was as the Holy Spirit did not reveal the matter to me, I had followed my heart and when I checked all around, I found that the ironing tool was still on and heat had accumulated, it could have set fire to my house. There was no quiet voice telling me what was the matter which warranted my attention, it was a tugging in my heart to go home immediately.

This kind of feeling cannot be easily explained since you have to feel the sensations of the feelings and then you will know what I mean by the prompting in the heart. Another example was when I had completed bible study and was heading home, I was prompted again not to take a short cut home but to go around my shop front which is a longer path, the Lord impresses upon me that someone will meet me there. In front of my shop was a very old lady, she had white hair, and upon seeing me she approached me immediately and asked me if I had \$1 to spare, I said I did not and she proceeded to asked me for fifty cents which I happen also not to have. What I have was \$5 dollars and I gave it to her, since it was the Lord who told me to go this way. I wasn't sure why she did not approach anyone on the path because there were many people walking the same way as me, she only spoke to me and she had a very nice smile, she did not seem to be a beggar. So, I was reminded to entertain strangers, whom could be angels sent to test us.

On another occasion, I was prompted by the Lord to take a book with me to the church. This book was about financial blessings. It was somehow placed near to the front door of my house. I just got a prompting to bring this book to church that Sunday. Then God indicated to me a certain lady in church to pass the book to her. I was not acquainted with her at all. I felt a certain inner resistance to obey because of my fear of being misunderstood. I dislike being branded as trying to make a past at this lady. She was normal looking. I had to

use all my will power to move with the inner prompting of God and I finally walked towards her and passed her this book. Her expression didn't help at all, she just took the book and said thank you with a surprised look.

I wasn't sure that God had told me to pass her this book since her expression had not conveyed that she was expecting my gift. But I had done it so I didn't think much of it. On the following Sunday in church, she came over to me and told me she had prayed for financial breakthrough the prior Sunday. She thanked me for confirming her prayers by her the financial breakthrough book. This gave me a sense of victory that I had heard correctly from God and I have also conquered my inhibition to do the will of God for strangers. Our weakness can be a resistance to doing the will of God. Moving by the prompting of God can cause us to be freed of our inner biasness and make us whole. God speaks to us for our own healing of our soul.

In another occasion, I was prompted to buy a necklace with a cross on it. My wife had wanted to be baptized the next day. I was in another country and my daughter who was 6 years old at that time had prayed to Jesus that I would buy a cross for my wife on her baptism day. She made that prayer because she told me. As I came upon a roadside vendor, I saw a cross and a necklace but it was not my choice so I decided to walk pass it. The minute I walked pass, the tugging started and I had gone back to take another look, but again, I wasn't happy with this cross so again I walked away, but the tugging was stronger this time. And I had relented by buying this silver necklace and cross. And the next day when my wife was baptized, I presented the cross to her. During dinner, my little daughter told me that she had prayed to Jesus to ask me to buy a cross for mother, and I had almost missed answering her prayers had not I listened to the tugging in my heart. This tugging didn't explain why I had to buy the cross, but this tugging was to answer my daughter's prayers. The prayers of children are very powerful it can command adults to do the impossible. God answered her prayer by causing me to obey with extreme difficulties and discomfort. The tugging would not stop until; it accomplishes its work. I remembered that I had taught her to pray to Jesus if she needed help so that I can receive her message and she did just that.