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Foreword

There are few experiences in the believer's journey as humbling—and as quietly painful—as the moment you realise that what you were certain was God... may not have been Him after all. It is a delicate place, where sincerity meets uncertainty, and where faith is tested not in disobedience, but in perceived accuracy.

In *I Thought God Said It... But I Was Wrong*, **Femi Adebile** speaks with rare honesty and refreshing clarity into this often unspoken struggle. Without pretence, and without diluting truth, he walks the reader through the tension between divine leading, human desire, and emotional conviction. This message does not condemn; it enlightens. It does not shame; it restores perspective.

What makes this work particularly valuable is its balance. It neither dismisses the reality of God's voice nor exaggerates human infallibility. Instead, it carefully guides the reader into maturity—where discernment is refined, patience is embraced, and growth is seen as a necessary pathway to accuracy.

You will find within these pages not just teaching, but reassurance: that missing it is not the end, that confusion can be navigated, and that the journey toward knowing God's voice is one that unfolds with time, consistency, and grace.

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May you not only hear Him—but truly come to know His voice.

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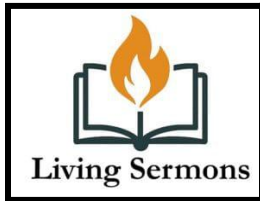
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Main Message

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The Pain of Being Sure

There is a kind of pain that comes when you are sure it was God. You didn't assume, you didn't guess—you prayed, and you were convinced it was God speaking to you. In fact, it was not the first time God had spoken to you in that same tone. You knew it was Him.

Then you moved.

You took steps.

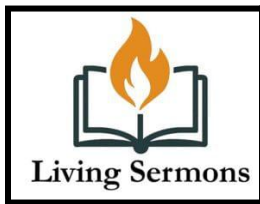
You followed the direction.

Only to discover that it was not really God. The whole thing failed, and you didn't even see the hand of God in it.

You were disappointed.

And then one question begins to arise in your heart:

Was it really God, or was I deceiving myself?



Introduction

Let me say something very important to you.

This is one of the most confusing aspects of the believer's life—discerning whether it is God speaking or not. At this point, it can become so confusing and dangerous that you begin to lose trust in your decisions. You stop trusting your hearing. You may even begin to question God.

If not handled properly, you can lose your spiritual confidence. Not only that, you may also lose the confidence of those who are following you.

But let me tell you one truth—

Not everything you heard was God.

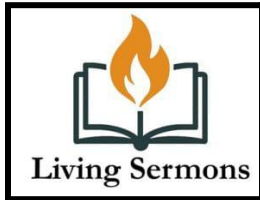
I am not trying to be hard on you; this is clarity. Not everything that comes to your mind after prayer is God. Not everything you hear is God.

Imagine being a leader. You tell your people, "This is what God said." They believe you. You move, and nothing happens. It can be confusing and deeply disappointing.

But take this again:

Not everything you hear is God.

Now, the question is—how do we mistake ourselves for God?



The Three Voices

There are three voices we deal with daily:

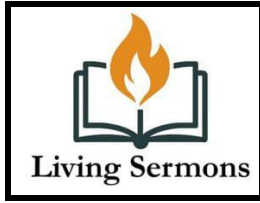
- The voice of God
- The voice of the mind
- The voice of emotion

These three voices speak to us, especially when we are about to make decisions. The truth is, they can sound very similar, making it difficult to differentiate which is speaking.

For example, you want something very badly. You have been trusting God for it. Then suddenly, you feel peace. Immediately, you may interpret that peace as confirmation from God.

No.

That peace may not be confirmation—it may simply be relief in your mind. Desire can disguise itself as divine direction.



When Desire Sounds Like God

Desire can speak so strongly that it sounds like God. Not everything that feels right means God is speaking. Something may be right to do, but that does not mean God spoke.

Our desires can be loud.

Our emotions can be intense.

Our expectations can be high.

And together, they can create a voice that sounds like God in our spirit. So, what happens when it doesn't work?

Sometimes, even when God truly speaks, things may still not work out the way we expect. There are times God will instruct you, and you obey accurately—yet He allows it not to work. Sometimes, He does that intentionally.

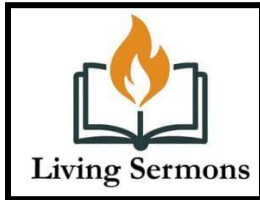
Why?

To make us know Him better.

To deepen our understanding of Him.

In such moments, the best thing to do is to calm down and believe that God is on your side. This is not the time to feel embarrassed, confused, or distracted.

Sometimes, God may even allow you to miss it—or step back—so that you can learn to know Him more intimately.



How to Discern Better

1. Check Consistency

God's voice is not impulsive. It does not come once and disappear.

When something comes once and vanishes, be careful. But when it is consistent, it is a strong indication that it may be God.

2. Remove Emotion

When praying about something you strongly desire, calm your mind first.

Settle it within yourself that you are not bringing your desire as an idol before God. That way, your emotions will not interfere.

This is especially important in areas like marriage, career, or relocation.

You may already like someone, or strongly desire a job or opportunity. Then a voice comes saying, "Go ahead."

At that moment, it may not be God—it may be your emotions speaking.

3. Align with Truth

God will never contradict His nature. Anything God tells you will align with Scripture. If it contradicts the Word of God, it is not God.

For example:

“How can God tell me to live with someone I am not married to in order to ‘test’ them?”

No.

If it contradicts truth, run from it.

4. Give It Time

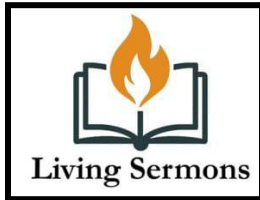
God is not afraid of time. If you are not sure you are hearing God, wait. Why the rush?

If it is truly God, it will remain. Time does not change truth—it reveals it.

5. Look for Clarity

God’s voice brings clarity.

If there is confusion, step back. God does not speak in confusion—He speaks with clarity.



Chapter 5: You Are Not Disqualified

Let me free you from something. Missing it does not mean you are disqualified. It does not mean you are less of a child of God.

You are learning.

You are growing.

You are becoming more accurate.

There was a time I made mistakes. I could hear names during meetings and call them out, thinking it was God—yet no one would respond.

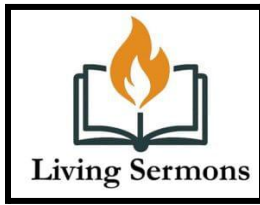
It was painful. I questioned myself: *Am I even hearing God?*

But over time, I grew. I learnt. I became more accurate. Then one day, I called someone out again. Nobody responded. I was sure it was God. Later, after the meeting, someone came and said, “Sir, I was the one. I was just ashamed to come out.”

That day, I learnt something powerful.

God told me:

“If I spoke to you, let Me carry the responsibility. If you miss it, you are still growing.”



Closing: The Goal Is to Know His Voice

You do not become sensitive to God overnight. Sensitivity comes through process. Do not let past mistakes make you afraid to step out when God is speaking. You are a work in progress.

Even great men of God have had moments where they called and no one responded. It does not make them fake—it simply shows they are human and still growing.

So if you have ever said, “God told me,” and it did not happen—do not run away.

Lean in.

Learn.

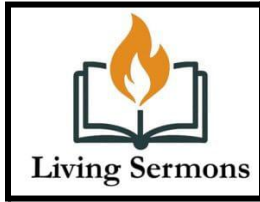
Grow.

Because the goal is not just to hear God—

The goal is to know His voice.

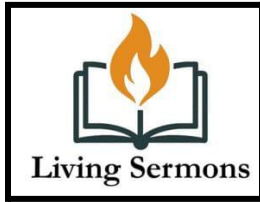
And to know it so well that, over time, you walk in increasing accuracy.

God bless you.



About the Speaker

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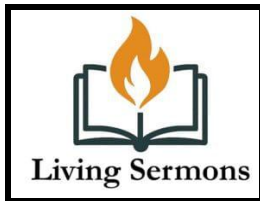
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