

Biblically Speaking

“The Holy Spirit guides me”

- What is said:
 - “I feel the Holy Spirit telling me what to do.”
 - “God just spoke to me and told me how to react.”
 - “I had a God-experience, Spirit-led moment.”
 - “I just felt that’s what the Spirit wanted me to do.”
- What is meant:
 - Holy Spirit and or God personally (directly) speaking to them.
 - Feelings, nudges, or intuitions that are Holy Spirit-caused.

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- God has spoken directly to some before.
 - Prophets: **Hebrews 1:1; Old Testament**
 - Apostles: **Ephesians 3:3-5; John 14:25, 26; 15:26, 27; 16:12, 13**
 - Promises made to the 12 were not made to all.
- Yet, this time of ongoing revelation would come to an end.
 - **1 Corinthians 13:8-10** looks toward this day.
 - **Jude 3** states that day has come.
- Practically speaking, this means God does not speak directly to you.

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- Yet, the phrase is still true, when spoken in context of how the Bible speaks.
- I hope many here are led by the Holy Spirit.
- How does this occur? **John 14:26; 16:12, 13**
 - At your conversion, you were guided by the Spirit. **Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 1:22-25**
 - By being molded by the Spirit. **Ephesians 6:17; Acts 20:28**
- Does the Holy Spirit guide your life?

“I called on the name of the Lord”

- What is said:
 - “In my guilt, I called on the name of the Lord for salvation.”
 - “20 years ago, I called on His name.”
 - “I invited Him in.”
- What is meant:
 - Calling on the name of the Lord= Sinner’s prayer
 - I asked Jesus to be my personal Savior by inviting Him into my heart.

“I called on the name of the Lord”

- Calling on the name of the Lord is biblical language.
 - **Acts 2:21; 22:16; Romans 10:12, 13**
- What does the phrase mean?
 - Peter quotes an OT prophecy (Joel 2) in **Acts 2:21**.
 - He then tells the people what to do in **Acts 2:37, 38**.
 - Does Peter contradict himself? Or, is he elaborating?
 - Is **Acts 22:16** too difficult to understand?
 - Calling on the name of the Lord is to make an appeal.
 - **Romans 10:13** is easily understandable in this context.

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- Calling on the name of the Lord is biblical language.
- That denominations have twisted its meaning is unfortunate, yet the Bible is clear, that to be saved one must call on the name of Jesus.
- Have you done so?