

## ***Sweet Communion with God***

This was an introduction to a collection of testimonies of how God has spoken to me over the past 40 years. He wants to do the same for you! I hope to encourage you to hunger after a deeper sweeter communion with the **Lover of Their Souls**.

God gave me this title of “sweet communion” over 20 years ago for a book I was working on. As the first book evolved, I kept adding information which I felt was essential to the central message of hearing from God. Therefore, first part dealt with the scriptural foundations for hearing from God and discerning whose voice we’re actually listening to. The second part dealt with personal examples of how I hear from God.

This book, now titled, “Hearing From Your God” is still available on Amazon, and serves as more of a teaching tool, than a pure testimonial.

Let’s begin with these two words ”sweet communion.”

### ***Part 1 Sweet Communion***

If you believe God’s promise that His sheep hear His voice, and you see yourself as one of His beloved sheep, hopefully you also desire to develop your own spiritual ears.

### ***SWEET COMMUNION***

Why this title? What is sweet communion and how does it affect my hearing from God?

#### ***SWEET***

Other than taste, the word sweet can mean, remarkable, pleasing, delightful, beloved, or gracious, as in sweet deal, sweet time, or even sweetheart. If this word “sweet” describes our communication with God, what does it mean to commune with God.

#### ***COMMUNION***

Today, this word commune might not be used as frequently as communicate, yet we know that we communicate all the time. The question is how do we communicate with God? What is the quality of our spiritual communication?

Most of us are probably familiar with the activity of communing with nature which is encouraged and promoted for its healing potential. Communing with nature enables our senses and emotions to actively interact with nature. For example, we observe a outdoor scene by zeroing in on the various elements before us. We look at them more closely and notice lighting, colors, depths of perspective, size and magnitude just to name a few.

Next, we may listen for sounds like leaves rustling in the breeze, birds singing, and water rippling over smooth stones. As we continue to commune with all this nature around us, we can close our eyes and

“see” even more. The fragrances of pines, honeysuckle or grass warming in the sun, catch our senses and bring us yet deeper into an awareness and union with the nature that surrounds us.

Let us not forget the wonderful sensation of the breeze blowing through our hair and kissing our skin. Even if done occasionally, or in part, such an act of communing with nature, can have amazing healing and restorative benefits for us. The more we commune, the more peace and restoration we will experience, simply because of nature’s power to heal.

But, this communing doesn’t just happen automatically when we step outside. It requires a conscious effort or focus. The more we engage, the more we experience. Imagine if you only heard the wind, how much would you be missing?

I parallel this communing with nature to communing with God. If we only hear a Sunday sermon or read a designated Bible passage each day, are we fully communing with God? Are we receiving all the blessings God has for us.

Let’s consider another analogy. Communing on an interpersonal level with a mate, an offspring, or a close friend requires a similar effort, and can also provide amazing benefits as well. Kind and loving words of encouragement, a gentle pat on the back, a smile, and even something as simple as eye contact can create bonds of support, friendship, love and even healing.

Unfortunately, with people, communication can also do the opposite. Neglected or negative communication can produce hurts and even stifle development in children.

Neglecting communication with our creator certainly deprives us of experiencing His love on an affective level. Head knowledge can’t begin to compare to heart knowledge. The Pharisees and Sadducee’s had cognitive knowledge of scripture and their God, but they lacked the heart knowledge possessed by the woman with the issue of blood.

Communication through words and actions of love, concern, affirmation, support, edification, joy, and encouragement have miraculous healing powers. Communication missing these elements becomes perfunctory, void of potential blessings and may even produce harm.

Unfortunately, sweet communion is not what some believers have with their creator and the lover of their souls.

We tend to forget that humans were created by God, brought to life by His own Spirit, and placed in Gods special garden, where we were to enjoy fellowship and intimate communion with God Himself. The Greek word for fellowship is *koinonia* which means:  
partnership (think of Adam naming the animals),  
sharing in common,  
agreement with Him in all things Sources: gotquestions.com.

Do we see God wanting to partner with us as he did with Adam? Recall that God created the animals and then brought them to Adam to name. Clearly the easiest and most pleasant of tasks. God sees us as co-laborers with Him. He gives us the tasks, the tools, the abilities, and the guidance. Our part is easy when done in Him. Think of David killing Goliath, Moses freeing the Israelites or Jesus using a boy’s lunch to feed thousands. There’s also the woman at the well who was an unlikely candidate for evangelizing her whole village. None of these feats were accomplished by human power or might.

All these common ordinary people accomplished extraordinary feats as a result of a personal relationship with their God.

Let's meditate on David, a boy tending to his father's sheep. He:  
killed a lion and a bear,  
learned to play supernatural music,  
killed the giant, and the enemy of his nation,  
became king. 1Samuel 17

David had first-hand knowledge of his God because he communed with God out in the sheep fields. This sweet communion with his Creator, empowered David, to say things like:

1 Samuel 17

:36 "He (Goliath) defies the armies of the living God.

:45 I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts.

:46 all the earth may know there is a God in Israel

:47 and all this assembly shall know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand"

Evidently Saul, the king, and his army didn't enjoy sweet communion with their Creator. How do I know? Their response to Goliath tells us a lot about their relationship with their God ... they were dismayed and greatly afraid. 1Samuel 17:11b

Doesn't this response put you in the mind of the 10 spies in Numbers 13. When faced with the enemy they said, "we were as grasshoppers, *in our own eyes*; and so we were in their site." Only two spies, Caleb, and Joshua, enjoyed sweet communion with their God. They didn't look at their own abilities nor at the enemy's size. They looked to their God and knew He could and would defeat the giants.

Sweet communion with our God produces wonderful fruit in our lives. It produces a heart knowledge which brings us boldness and confidence in God's strength and faithfulness. See Daniel 11:28-30 which confirms that people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits. Who doesn't want to be strong and do exploits for God?

The Amplified Bible expands on what "KNOW" means and the benefits of "knowing God" in Psalm 91:14-16

**"Because** he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, **because** he knows and understands My name [*has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness— trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never*].<sup>15</sup> He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation."

Jesus said in Matt 16:18 that He will build His church on what we, believers, hear from God. So let's grow in our communion with God so we can experience Him as He really is, and be transformed into His supernatural ambassadors of love and healing to the hurting world around us.

## PART 2 My Sweet Communion with God

Please allow my testimonies to build the faith you need to defeat any and all lies of the enemy concerning your potential and God's supernatural will and ability to make you the powerful vessel He created you to be.

sees. Rev 12:11