

WHEN GOD SPOKE TO ME

By DavidPaul Doyle

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We all know that teaching is best done through demonstration. In his book, *When God Spoke to Me*, author DavidPaul Doyle gives 70 short, powerful personal stories which demonstrate, unequivocally, that communication with God is open to everyone. Contrary to popular belief, divinely inspired guidance is not limited to special people with special skills. It's not exclusive to practitioners of any particular religion. And it's not restricted to spiritual and religious leaders. We can all do it. Story tellers range from a 2nd grader who sees an angel named Lilly to a mom with an autistic child, to a yoga teacher, to a former prisoner, to seriously sick people, despairing people, young people, old people, people who read the Bible and people who don't. There is no common characteristic you can point to and say, *aha, this is why God spoke to that person.*

That said, story tellers who were dealing with a tense life challenge seemed more open to the possibility of divinely inspired communication. For many, it's the resolution that presents itself after human avenues have been tried and failed. It's not that God wants us on our knees. Rather, it's more that our own internal resistance blocks communication until we get to a really uncomfortable place. Talking with God is presented as a natural but life changing event. The natural, *no-big-deal* aspect is important because it removes fear and it de-stresses the prospect of personal communion with God.

Likewise, the form the communication takes is irrelevant, and there's no hard and fixed rule about how it happens. Some people hear a distinct voice. Many have a feeling of a divine presence. Some people receive messages through signs from the universe or words from others. A couple of people got messages through dreams. No matter how the communication is received, it's always accompanied by a sense of profound inner peace and well-being and the realization that we are never alone.

When God Spoke to Me is not the kind of book you quickly gobble up in one sitting. Rather, put it on your nightstand so you can read a couple of stories before you go to bed at night. I did this myself, and looked forward to the prospect of filling my mind with life-affirming thoughts before snoozing out. Reading one testimonial after another

has a powerful compounding impact. It makes talking to God seem real and easy. It's also very inspiring because somewhere along the way, you realize you want to do it, too.

Doyle did a fine job of finding the story tellers and compiling their material into an easily readable format. His personal story, which is quietly tucked away in the middle of the book, is particularly touching. *"Out of me came the most beautiful words I have ever spoken,"* he said after speaking the Voice for the Holy Spirit for the first time. Doyle is now dedicated to teaching others how to hear God's voice. Learn more about Doyle, this book and his work at www.thevoiceforlove.com.

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