



the
Games
People
Play

Alex the Astronaut ate eleven Éclairs in the evening with an Espresso.

I LIKE ICE CREAM

INVITATION

ISAIAH 55:1-3

“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink — even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk — it’s all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life.”

OBSTACLE #1: DOUBT

EXODUS 33:11

Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”



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JOHN 16:12-13

I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears He will speak.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-13

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.

REVELATION 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

MARK 4:23

“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

OBSTACLE #2: I DON'T KNOW THE RULES.



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THERE ARE PRIMARILY THREE VOICES WE HEAR WITH OUR SPIRITUAL EARS:

The voice of God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

The voice of the Enemy (Satan and his demons)

Our own self-talk

TO DISCERN WHICH VOICE WE ARE HEARING, WE LISTEN FOR:

Character

Motive

Tone

GOD'S VOICE: In Scripture, God is described as Savior, Redeemer, Provider, Healer, Counselor, Prince of Peace, and more. God's primary desire is to build a relationship with us. He promotes abundant life and reconciliation. He brings healing, rescues us, and speaks words of reconciliation and restoration.

SATAN'S VOICE: In Scripture, Satan is described as the father of lies, accuser of the brethren, deceiver, and enemy of our souls. He comes to kill, steal and destroy. He brings words of accusation and condemnation. It is his intent to break relationships and cause pain.

SELF-TALK: This voice tends to reflect the common thinking of the culture. It encourages us to compare ourselves with others and to improve ourselves in order to be good enough. It is often the voice of insecurity.

If the command, question or comment is patient or kind, it's probably God. If it's boastful or proud or rude or self-seeking, it's probably not God. If it is easily angered or keeping track of wrongs, that could be the Enemy. You can depend on God's words to embody protection, trust, hope, and perseverance.

- A PARAPHRASE FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 13

INVITATION

JOHN 10:1-4

“...and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.”

OBSTACLE #3: I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY.



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Nurture awareness of God's presence in your everyday life

Ask God questions

Listen for His response

Practice listening on your own AND in community

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