**10 WAYS TO DISCERN THE VOICE OF GOD**

1. You hear or sense things **you** would never think of on your own.
2. The words are spoken with love and gentleness.
3. The words are truthful; you will never hear words urging you to do something against His will; in other words you will never hear God saying something you clearly know He would object to.
4. As you hear His voice or feel His presence, you feel an incredible sense of calm and peace wash over you.
5. You hear words or sense something which provides you with a new and real sense of confidence; you really “feel” loved.
6. You hear words of wisdom which give you the ability to see things differently, in a way you could not have done on your own.
7. You are lovingly convicted of something you would rather not think about but yet you know the conviction is true.
8. You know your frustrations and negative responses to things have been heard and understood, and still you hear words of affirmation in the midst of your undesirable behavior or emotions.
9. You are encouraged to forgive or forget something someone has done to you and you really do not WANT to forgive that person.
10. You are reminded of past event which you would prefer to forget, yet feeling the presence of Jesus as you remember the event, you find yourself having an unusual response to the memory. …. **Over time this becomes very important because as you begin to trust and recognize that Jesus is really with you in the moment, He will begin to help you work through past wounds, failures, dysfunctional behaviors and fears.**