The Other Side of the Conversation
6-part DVD series
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A 6-part DVD teaching series with guidebook by Tania Harris. Review by Tara Martin.

Having been a Christian for over 20 years, having prayed, read the Bible, attended weekly church services and the latest church conferences, I still find myself wondering if I can hear the voice of God clearly and accurately. What does the Bible teach us about God’s voice and how do I recognise it in my own life? Can I hear God speak to me today? I may know how to pray, but when God speaks back, how do I recognise his voice?

Recently I viewed a new TV series (showing on Australian Christian Channel and sold as a DVD set in Kooring bookstores) called The Other Side of the Conversation by Pastor Tania Harris, a Sydney-based itinerant minister. Tania is a Bible teacher, church planter, pastor and trainer. Her ministry (www.godconversations.com) is known for its godly wisdom, biblical depth and inspiring ‘God-stories’. The series is a high quality production and is designed to use in small groups – the boxed set comes with a guide book that facilitates group discussion and reflection.

Set on location in some beautiful sites around Sydney, the easy style of Tania’s teaching makes it accessible to a broad audience – from those who are seeking God for the first time through to Christians that have been following God for many years, but like me, are still learning to hear from God. Tania brings biblical foundations and pastoral wisdom to this often misunderstood area of discipleship. She inspires and equips her listeners to recognise the voice of God.

The TV series has 6 parts:
1. God Speaks Back: When you pray to God, do you expect him to speak back?
2. The Voices in Our Head: But what if I get it wrong?
3. Ears to Hear: Why do some people hear from God while others don’t?
4. Tale of Two Lovers: What is the key to hearing from God?
5. The Sounds of God: What does God sound like?
6. Tried and Tested: How do I know it’s God?

Tania outlines God’s nature as a communicator and the all-important role of the Holy Spirit as well as addressing the practical questions we face in recognising God’s voice today. Age-old theological truths are brought into the 21st century in a relatable way that is easy to apply.

My biggest take-away from the series is to test what I believe to be the voice of God in my life. Test it against God’s character as revealed in the written Word, test it with wise counsel and test it with time.

I highly recommend using the series and the accompanying guidebook either in a small group or on your own to learn how to experience a lifestyle of conversation with God, recognise the sounds of God’s voice and discern his voice amongst the others we hear.

As Tania says, it was never meant to be a one-way conversation...

“My people recognise my voice. I know them and they follow me.” (Jesus, from John 10:27)