

Speak

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*Word of God we're listening, tune our hearts to your voice.
With the faintest whisper, Lord, you change us.
Word of God we trust you, resting in your promise.
You will not forsake us, never leave us.*

The song *Speak* expresses humanity's deepest desire in relationship with the God of the universe - communion - to know God more fully and to be fully known by God. This lyrical prayer refers to Jesus by the name He is given in John 1: *Word of God*. In John 1:1-5 Jesus Christ was present with God as all of creation was spoken into being. John says "the Word was with God, and the Word was God." It is an idea that escapes the boundaries of the modern English term *word*. The New Testament greek word John uses, *logos*, communicates that Jesus is the true essence of God existing through all time. *Logos* does not mean simply "a word" but implies reason and the understanding, the underlying structure of things, the one thing that makes sense of everything. It wasn't that Jesus was the product or action of the one true God or a mere god-like man, but that Jesus is the way we come to more fully understand the one true God. John uses this name to express a relationship to God that exists only through Jesus Christ.

*Word of God you stir us, call us from our slumber
Lord you satisfy us - every hunger*

Our need as Christians, to find relationship with the *Word of God* is also evident in Jesus' words in John 10. There He describes himself as the Good Shepherd, one who lays down his life for his sheep, and one who desires a flock that know his voice. Jesus reveals to us there in John that he does in fact speak to his sheep and his sheep hear his voice and they know it. They recognize the voice of the Shepherd and they follow him. In this metaphor it is clear to see that Jesus is more than a savior who protects us from a distance. He is a loving protector and guide who desires intimate relationship with His fold.

*Jesus speak, we want to know your heart
Spirit breath, draw us into your arms and speak
Fill our lungs with your breath, Fill our hearts with courage*

The lyrics of *Speak* are a fervent prayer pleading with Jesus to change us and give us rest, to not forsake us but draw us into His arms, to stir us from our slumber and give us courage.