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# HOW TO HEAR GOD

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To Hear God's Voice

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## Chapter 4

### **Build A Prayer Life**

#### Learn To Watch and Pray

*Matthew 26:31*

*Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*

Many wonder what the will of God is. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us that having a consistent prayer life is a part of God's will for us. Prayer is our lifeline to God. It is our primary way to stay in contact with Him. Prayer is essential because it keeps all lines of communication open between us and our Heavenly Father. Jesus encouraged us to pray and not give up. Many struggle to maintain a healthy prayer life because they rarely see answers to their prayers. This can cause their faith to dwindle. However, like with hearing God, we may receive answers to our prayers but cannot **recognize** and **identify** them as answers because we don't take time to **listen**.

As we learned, we hear God by familiarizing ourselves with His language so we recognize when He speaks. With praying and seeking God, the key is to remember that God is relational. **This means the answers to your prayers will be connected to what you pray.** For example, If you asked a friend how her dog is doing she wouldn't respond to you by telling you how her Mom is doing - at least we hope not - but her response would be in **connection with the question you asked her.** In like manner, God answers prayers in the same way. The difference is, you usually **wait** for your friend to respond and you **listen** when she does - we don't always give God this chance.

To watch means to *look at or observe attentively, over time.* To be fluent in God's language is to understand how God sees timing. Accept that God's way is not our own

(Isaiah 55:8) and that our timing isn't God's timing (2 Peter 3:8). Watching in this context is **a form of listening**. When we watch for God we are listening, looking, and engaging him for His answers. Two things that may hinder you from receiving answers to your prayers are:

### **Failure To Remember Your Prayers:**

How can you seek an answer to a prayer you have forgotten about? God has answered, but you may not have received the answer because you forgot what you asked or inquired God for.

### **Failure To Seek God:**

To seek means to find or ask something of someone. Sometimes our problem is that we don't pray at all. I won't say you can't receive answers to prayers you haven't yet prayed, because scriptures tell us God can answer us before we even come to Him (Isaiah 65:25), but I will say, that by praying we become more **conscious** of what we have prayed and as a result it makes us more capable of looking for answers **connected** to what we have prayed.

### **Ways To Seek God**

#### **Remain Immersed In Him:**

It's important we remain immersed in God so our hearts won't harden when He speaks (Hebrews 3:15). A hardened heart has a hard time receiving what God is saying. An example of this would be meditating on scriptures related to a topic or situation we're facing to keep God's perspective on things. This way, we don't consume ourselves with our own thoughts and opinions that lead to pride which will cause God to oppose us (James 4:6). By remaining immersed in God we train our minds to delight ourselves in Him and in doing so God will grant us the desires of our hearts because our desires align with His.

## Research

Scriptures tell us to ask, seek, and knock (Matthew 7:7). This means we are to actively pursue our answers and in doing so we'll run right into them. How do we know this? Because God has promised to lead, guide, and direct our paths. God has promised to lead us into the way everlasting. God has promised to show and teach us His paths of righteousness (John 14:26). The key is to find what **testifies and bears witness** with our spirits, the thing that **resonates with us**, brings **confirmation** and what aligns to what we know about God and His WORD.

### Failure To Attentively Observe:

To observe means *to notice or perceive something and recognize it as significant.*

When you begin to see and hear answers to your prayers, the key is to see it as a vital part of the message God is releasing to you. By acknowledging what you have seen or heard God will then move on to what He has to say next. Your job is to **see each piece as significant**, if you don't you may hinder yourself from receiving your answer. In learning God's language I myself have learned that God releases His message over a period of time (Isaiah 28:10) and little by little (Exodus 23:30). We are to take these pieces - write them down, store them in our memory - and put them together to get our message. We watch by remaining attentive to things that come our way in connection to what we have asked God.

For example, your book club has a trip coming up and you desire to assist with traveling fees, so you inquire of God about how much you should give and in what ways you can contribute. A week from then you have a dream of a small boy who catches the bus to a store, purchases an item as a gift that costs \$150, and ships it to a friend in another country. After the dream you keep noticing that every time you look at the clock it's either 1:50 am or 1:50 pm, not only that you receive a bill in the mail and the total bill is \$150. You talk with a friend and she tells you about her day at the store and how she spent \$150 on a new pair of shoes. You take each piece - the dream, the

clock, the bill in the mail, and your friend's new shoes, and put it together. God is answering you **in direct relation to what you prayed** so you contribute \$150 towards the trip for your book club. Later, you find out the \$150 you contributed covered the entire trip for a book club member who couldn't afford to go! Notice God spoke in several ways, however, all of them were in direct relation to what was prayed.

Jeremiah 42:7, shows the prophet Jeremiah asking God a question on behalf of some of the most elite men during that time of exile. The scriptures say Jeremiah inquired of the LORD and didn't hear back from God until 10 days later. However, it is my humble opinion, that during this time Jeremiah remained close to God, held his prayer in his heart by remembering it, and attentively looked for and observed God's answers to his prayers over a 10 day period. In like manner, we are to do the same.

*Jeremiah 42:1-4;7*

*Then all the army officers, including Johanan son of Kareah and Jezaniah[a] son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest approached Jeremiah the prophet and said to him, "Please hear our petition and pray to the Lord your God for this entire remnant. For as you now see, though we were once many, now only a few are left. Pray that the Lord your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do."*

*"I have heard you," replied Jeremiah the prophet. "I will certainly pray to the Lord your God as you have requested; I will tell you everything the Lord says and will keep nothing back from you."*

*Ten days later the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah.*

In his lessons, Jesus explained to the disciples his reasons for sharing things with them was so when things happened they'd have peace. Could it be that after praying our spirits are rejuvenated and made to be alert, aware, and more easily able to discern the workings of the devil from the workings of God? It seemed Jesus was the only one

aware that the time had come for him to go to the cross, but his disciples were still wrestling with it. Perhaps prayer is the key to keep our hearts from being tempted to fear, doubt, etc,. As noted above, staying immersed in God helps us to keep God's perspectives on things and in doing so allows us to overcome everyday temptations through Christ (2 For 2:14).

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