

# **Listen to God!**

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## **NEWS Bulletin!**

There is a need to understand a truth regarding hearing God speak to us. Even if someone does not know God and even if they do not love God and even if they don't believe there is a God - they still have a right to hear His voice. Hearing God's voice is a Divine Right! Every person born has the right to hear God speak to them! This gift is open to everyone; it is not just for those who call themselves Christians!

*“Scripture makes it clear that the Lord wants to talk to every one of us: ‘And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.’” (Isaiah 30:21) - David Wilkerson*

## **The Importance of Hearing God's Voice!**

We are living in what I believe is a truly messed up world! There is a great deal of danger in almost every place on this planet. People experience – fear every moment of every day!

I am not attempting to frighten or scare anyone. I believe the daily and nightly news can manage that!

I want to share the truth of what is desperately needed on this earth. The truth each person who walks alive needs is to **“Hear God's Voice”!**

I received an email quite some time back from Neil and Jamie Lash. I do not know Neil and Jamie personally. However, I have watched their program “Jewish Jewels” many times. The rest of this post is taken from their ministry newsletter.

On Tuesday February 3, 2018, one day before the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, one of the panelists on ABC's The View, mocked Vice President Pence's Christian faith. The Vice President had made a comment concerning hearing God speak to him. In discussing this topic, Joy Behar said, *“It's one thing to talk to Jesus, it's another thing when Jesus talks to you.”* She went on to comment: *“That's called mental illness.”*

On Wednesday 14, 2018, a deranged teenager with an assault weapon violently ended the lives of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School only 20 minutes north of our home. Mikaila Brown, a ninth-grade Christian student at the school, was walking down the hallway from her classroom when she heard a voice say, *“TURN BACK!”* She was a bit confused at hearing this but quickly returned to her classroom! And then she heard shots from the direction in which she had been walking. Mikaila managed to get back to her classroom in time to join a teacher and other students. The teacher locked the door behind them and then led them to another room within that room, so that they had double protection.

What a testimony! As far as what Joy Behar said, I once again agree with what Neil and Jamie said in their newsletter, **“Jesus promised that believers in Him would hear His voice.”** (John 10:16)

**Hearing God's Voice is:**

**“MENTAL WELLNESS – NOT MENTAL ILLNESS”**

## **PURPOSE FOR HEARING GOD**

What is the purpose for hearing God? The **purpose for hearing God is to give God the victory in your day.** To put it another way, **the purpose for hearing God is to enable Him to guide you into a victorious position! When you are in a victorious position, God gets the victory!**

## **SMARTER OR STUPID?**

When you evaluate a situation/circumstance by speaking to God, by listening to His voice, by knowing God's Word and by following the guidance of the Holy Spirit – this brings you Godly wisdom! You will get **smarter!**

When you evaluate a situation/circumstance by relying on your own opinions or experience, or someone else's opinions or experiences other than God's – this brings up worldly wisdom. You will get **stupid!**

God's wisdom is the most important way we can know how to go about living our lives for God. God's wisdom is the only type of wisdom that can truly benefit our lives on this earth! **God's wisdom is perfect wisdom. It is truth and it is eternal!**

## **WHEN GOD TELLS YOU SOMETHING!**

When God tells you something, it is **important!** If He tells you something He wants done, **it is important. Everything God tells you is important!** So, when He tells you something, He is **commanding you** with an instruction. **Take it seriously!** When we go to God for instruction about anything, and **when God gives us direction, it is a command to take action!** If we don't follow through, that is **disobedience!**

## The Connection!

What was it that drew people to John the Baptist? Why did ordinary people who didn't hear God's voice and didn't have the Holy Spirit with them at that time want to hear what John the Baptist had to say? When we are created, we are created with a ***purpose which is God's purpose for our life!*** From the moment we are created - from the very moment we are born that purpose for our life isn't in Heaven - **it is here on earth within us!** And from that moment our purpose is calling out and yearning for the creator! And it **NEVER** stops! There is **piece of God in each person from birth** that makes that connection! And that connection is screaming out - **THIS IS REAL!**

There was something already in each person that made them recognize a connection between John the Baptist and God - John knew God, and they could recognize this connection inside themselves. It was something that matched what John had!

So, what was that connection? What is the piece of God within us?

People who are miserable and searching are never going to be satisfied until they find God. Because their purpose that came down from Heaven with them when they were born is screaming out: Find God! Find God! Their purpose is crying out, Find God!

This is what is missing in people's lives! They will never be satisfied - NEVER! Until they find God and develop their relationship with Him - they will never be satisfied! They will never find love in the manner they want unless they find God in **ALL** His fullness!

People are looking for happiness. A song in the 1980's said: "*Looking for love in all the wrong places.*" People still are! People are searching for a *type* of happiness that is impossible to achieve on this earth.

When I teach or counsel someone, I can't teach someone who is focused on just being happy. Why? The satisfaction they are going to get from God is not going to satisfy them, because they are looking for happiness that doesn't exist on this earth! They are looking for a type of joy and happiness and contentment that only exists in Heaven! It doesn't exist here - there is no such thing as the type of happiness that they think they are supposed to have or that they are entitled to on this Earth!

This world is in the control of Satan! You see man made that choice in the very beginning of time! The Book of Genesis tells us all about it - Adam and Eve made the choice to follow what Satan ask of them and their choices changed everything forever! Instantly Satan took charge and began controlling the world!

Here is the tough part: If one of them had not made a wrong choice - one of us would have! Think about it!

When you are around the type of person who is looking for the happiness **they want**, they are so jealous of everyone else because they have this misconception that everyone else is happy except them. You can't teach people like this. They get in a mess and then they say, "*God help me!*" But it is almost impossible for God to help them because what they want from God is to be happy and God can't do that! What they want from God and why they are here are two different universes! It is that different!

How you look, where you live, how you speak is not going to be what draws people to you! It wasn't what drew people to John the Baptist. Our example can help. However, this is between God and the person He created! We are nothing more than a vessel! Nothing more and nothing less.

**Scriptures on being a vessel:** (Acts 9:15; I Thessalonians 4:4; II Timothy 2:20-21)

## **Jesus was and IS THE CONNECTION!**

While on this earth Jesus set a *perfect example* – no question! And He did things that no one on this earth will ever live up to! However, we are supposed to strive towards God's best always!

Yeshua (Jesus) **was and is** that connection between us and God to help people make a connection to God - and for God to be able to be a little closer to us on earth and a little less farther away! Jesus was more that vessel then people wanted to make Him. He was a vessel to bring us closer to God than anything else – **Yeshua (Jesus) was and is the connection!**

"T'oma (Thomas) said to him, "*Lord, we don't know where you're going; so how can we know the way?*" **Yeshua said, "I AM the Way — and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.** *Because you have known me, you will also know my Father; from now on, you do know Him — in fact, you have seen Him.*"

Philip said to Him, "*Lord, show us the Father, and it will be enough for us.*" Yeshua replied to him, "*Have I been with you so long without your knowing me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'. Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me? What I am telling you, I am not saying on my own initiative; the Father living in me is doing his own works. Trust me, that I AM united with the Father, and the Father united with me. But if you can't, then trust them because of the works themselves. Yes, indeed! I tell you that whoever trusts Me will also do the works I do! Indeed, he will do greater ones, because I am going to the Father. In fact, whatever you ask for in my name, I will do so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me for something in my name, I will do it.*" John 14:5-14 (CJB)

We must remember - our purpose is not to be used by God. People make that their purpose because of insecurity and their desire to prove themselves and to impress

others. God should be glorified even if He chooses not to use us. Our hearts should want Him to be glorified whether He chooses us or not!

Many Christians focus is for God to use them whether He gets glorified or not! It is the opposite. God should get glorified whether He uses us or not!

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.” Roman 8:28-29 (NIV)*

*“When the Counselor comes, whom I (Yeshua) will send you from the Father – **the Spirit of Truth**, who keeps going out from the Father – He will testify on my behalf. And you testify too, because you have been with me from the outset.” John 15:26 (CJB)*

*“In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with **the purpose of his will.**” Ephesians 1:11 (NIV)*

Keep in mind: God can use a donkey if He so chooses. Numbers 22:21-35 (CJB)

## Hearing God's Voice!

Hearing God speak to us is God's will for our lives! In fact, hearing Him speak to us is our divine right and this divine right was instituted by God in the Garden of Eden! Now when Adam and Eve fell into disobedience – that right was not lost for us.

Now, there was another divine right instituted by God in the Garden for us and if you have ever read any of my teachings than you are aware of these divine rights we have because I bring them up a quite often! Why because they are priorities to God! The divine right I am mentioning at this time is this: The freedom to make our own choices - our own free will! We are not puppets. We have the right to choose. God wants us to love, trust and obey Him because we want too! Not because we have too! This is a very important subject! Let's look at the divine right to hear God's voice – and talk with Him!

God wants a relationship with us. How can someone have a relationship with someone without being able to participate in conversation with the other person? Having conversation with another person is in essence what Father God wants with us! That is the basis for a relationship. By us just sitting and praying and asking for this and that while pleading with Him for whatever we think we need – how in the world can we think that is what God wants? This does not build a relationship! When we just sit in our quiet time and rip off what is much like a Christmas list of what we think we need is important to God – WRONG! God knows what we need before we say it! Most importantly if this is what we do every day in our time with God – we are off! Now, if after delivering our monologue we choose to STOP and say to God what would you like to say to me – and sit there until we hear something – that would be different!

**God wants time to talk to you!** He has direction for your day and every area of your life – yes, every area of your life! How do you know what God's direction is for problems in your life? You are not going to know unless you present those areas to him and then sit still and listen!

***“Desist, and learn that I am God, supreme over the nations, supreme over the earth.”*** Psalm 46:10 (CJB)

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The type of dialoguing we see in Genesis 3:8-13 is the type of conversation God wants with us today! You can count on it.

Jesus said the following:

*“I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t bear them now. However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own initiative but will say only what he hears. He will announce to you the events of the future. He will glorify me, because he will receive from what is mine and announce it to you. Everything the Father has is mine; this is why I said he receives from what is mine and will announce it to you.”* John 12:16-13 (CJB)

Look at the words. Jesus said the Holy Spirit was going to talk with us. He did not say he was going to nudge us and give us impressions. **He was going to talk to us.** God can nudge us if he wants – we can feel the cringing of the Holy Spirit. And when that happens – God is trying to tell us something – he is trying to get through to us. **He wants to speak to us!** Jesus declared the following:

***But he answered, “The Tanak says, ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of ADONAI.’”*** Matthew 4:4 (CJB)

***“Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says, the reason you don’t listen is that you don’t belong to God!”*** John 8:47 (CJB)

The Strong’s Concordance tells us the use of “word” and “words” in the scriptures above is reference #4487 - Rehma meaning: spoken, discourse, words spoken by a living voice! **(Does not refer to written words)**

*My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.* <sup>1</sup> John 10:27 – (NRSV)

**The Strong’s Concordance tells us the word “voice” in the above scripture is reference #5456 - “phone” pronounced in the Greek (fo-nay) meaning: sound, noise, uttered words.**

*Thus says the Lord who made the earth,* <sup>a</sup> *“the LORD who formed it to establish it, the LORD is his name:”* <sup>3</sup> ***Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.*** <sup>2</sup> Jeremiah 33:2-3 (NRSV)

All through the written Word God talks about wanting to talk to His people – so what is the purpose for hearing God?

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version.* Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989, S. Jn 10:27-28

<sup>a</sup>Gk: Heb *it*

<sup>2</sup>*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version.* 1989 (Je 33:2-3). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

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In other words, the purpose for hearing God is to enable Him to guide you into a victorious position! When you are in a victorious position – God gets the victory!

There is much talk in the churches about being mature in Lord – maturity with the Lord depends on how much time you spend with Him and how close you walk with Him in your life!

**I'm not talking about how much time you spend reading your Bible. There is time for that. Let me explain, I have read many books about Billy Graham, and I know a great deal of facts and truths about Mr. Graham but – I do not know Mr. Graham and he does not know me! That is the difference! Knowing God and knowing about Him are too very different things! You know someone when you spend time talking to them and listening to what they have to say!**

**God wants to talk with you, and He is not going to come into our homes and turn off the television and say let's talk! You have your own free will to make the choice to spend time sharing with God what is bothering you and then sitting and listening to what He has to say about it. It is your choice. In fact, our lives are all about choices – remember God didn't come flying into the Garden of Eden and stop Adam and Eve from making their choice to disobey Him – and he is not going to stop you. I pray you choose to start hearing God's voice – always remember it is our divine right to hear the voice of God.**

***“We can't have an intimate relationship with God when we do all the talking!”***

-Charles Stanley

## MY Sheep Listen to MY Voice!

***My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me, and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands. My Father who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one can snatch them from the Father's hands. I and the Father are one.***  
John 10:27-30 (CJB)

***"Today most believers acknowledge that God speaks primarily through His written Word, yet the voice that dictated the Bible has not ceased. Through His Holy Spirit, the Lord still communicates to every Christian who takes the time to listen with an open and receptive heart." We can't have an intimate relationship with God when we do all the talking.*** - Charles Stanley

***"Most Christians don't listen to God. They go to Him only to talk! Yet the Scriptures reveal that any person who was ever used of God learned to remain in His presence until hearing from Him. God desires to speak to you as if you were sitting down to dinner with him. He wants to converse with you, heart to heart, on any and all matters (Revelation 3:20)." - David Wilkerson***

When you tell people that you hear God talk to you, they look at you like you are crazy and often they want to begin to argue with you. They say, "God doesn't do that anymore." They even try and tell you, "The Bible days were special days with special people". I have heard people say, the church needs to be more like the church in Acts. In order to do that, we need to believe that God spoke to the people in the first church! Yes, they had dreams and visions, and most people go along with that. But they can't seem to get it about God speaking to His people! Why, would God do part of what He did in the first church (dreams and visions) and not all of it with us? Did He change His mind? **No! God doesn't change His mind!** People believe God can still heal, they believe in prophetic words, they believe in the dreams and visions, but they say God doesn't talk to us individually! How sad is that? At this point allow me to show you something I find very interesting!

Since 1990 I have been teaching groups and counseling individuals of the following fact:

**HEARING GOD'S VOICE IS A DIVINE RIGHT INSTITUED BY GOD IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN AT THE TIME OF CREATION!** When Adam and Eve disobeyed - the right to choose and the right to hear God speak - God's voice remained in effect because God doesn't go back on HIS WORD!

Many years ago, I was on a mission to find the information I wanted to know and understand regarding hearing God's voice. I saw so many instances in the Bible referring to the word "voice". In fact, the word VOICE is mentioned 505 times in the

Bible! I was at this time hearing God's voice, and I knew it was true that this is our right!

The New Testament was written originally in the Greek language, so it was at this point I went to The Strong's Concordance and looked up the word **voice** this is what I found: The word **voice** in the Greek is: phone pronounced "fo-nay"!

How about that? The church talks about the Holy Spirit. They want to **feel** the Holy Spirit, and they want to **see** the signs and wonders of the Holy Spirit. Too much emphasis is put on feelings and impressions. We can't go entirely on feelings and impressions and emotions! It is too dangerous - we can be deceived, and Satan is the deceiving business! Our emotions can lie to us! Believe me when I say they can and do! I hear people now in the church still putting out fleeces. Fleeces were put out in the Old Testament. We have the Holy Spirit all the time; in that Old Testament story Satan tried to fool them, remember? What amazes me is this, people are so quick to believe "sign and wonders" but, they don't want to allow the Spirit of the Living God, to do what Jesus said He was coming to Earth for! The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to teach us things, and to counsel us and convince us and comfort us!

Now, I understand that we can get a cringing of the Holy Spirit when something is wrong, or when we are under conviction for something or if God is attempting to get our attention regarding something! The Holy Spirit does cringe within us. Don't read into what I'm saying here, I'm not saying that we don't feel the Holy Spirit. Nor am I saying that we should not pay attention to the feeling of the cringing of the Holy Spirit. The point is this; Jesus said that the Holy Spirit was coming to walk with us! Jesus said the Holy Spirit was going to teach us, and counsel us? How can the Holy Spirit walk with us and counsel us, if we can't hear His voice? How can the Holy Spirit talk to us if we are not willing to take the time to sit with God and listen to what He wants to tell us? How can they teach you if they can't talk with you? How can they teach you if you can't "hear" them?

## Why Are We Afraid to Believe?

**WHY ARE WE AFRAID TO BELIEVE** that God wants to communicate with us through His Precious Holy Spirit? What is it going to take for the body of Christ to understand that God wants to “speak” with us through His Holy Spirit? We are quick to believe that God can do this, and He can do that. We are also quick to say that God can do anything! We even say, “God can do anything that He wants to!” Well then, should we not let Him out of the box we have Him in and let Him talk with us through His Holy Spirit – BECAUSE HE WANTS TOO!

***“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will **guide you** into all truth. He will not speak on his own; **he will speak** only what he hears, and **he will tell you** what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”*** John 16:12-15 (NIV)

The conclusion here is very plain; the scripture is not talking about the written Word! Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit walking with us and talking with us! God wants to change us and teach us – He wants to TRANSFORM us and grow us in godly ways of thinking and acting!

I want to share some information with you that I came across. So many prominent Christian people are beginning to talk about God “speaking” to us. The following is an article taken from the February 1996 issue of “Focus on the Family” with James C. Dobson. This excerpt is from Dr. Dobson’s column: Dr. Dobson Answers your Questions.

**Q**-How can we determine God’s will for our lives? He doesn’t speak to us in an audible voice. Do we just have to guess at what He wants?

**A**-That is a very important question. You can’t obey God if you are hazy about what He wants you to do. **But most people lack a clear idea of how to discern His voice. They depend on feelings and impressions to interpret His will, which is unreliable and dangerous.** What they feel is highly subjective. It is influenced by what they want, what is going on in their lives and even how much sleep they got last night. Some terrible mistakes have been made by believers who thought they had heard the voice of the Lord.

I knew a college student who was awakened from a dream in the middle of the night with the strong impression that he should marry a certain young lady. They had only dated once or twice and hardly knew each other-yet “God” had assured him that “she is the one!”

The next morning, he called the coed and told her of his impression. The girl felt no such impulse but didn't want to oppose a message directly from the Lord. The couple were married shortly thereafter and suffered through the agonies of an unsuccessful and stormy marriage.

I could tell you similar stories about people who misunderstood what seemed to have been the will of the Lord. Remember that Satan comes "as angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14), which means he counterfeits the voice of God. If he can get you to accept your impressions uncritically and impulsively, then he can confuse and disillusion you.

**Q**-If you can't trust what you feel, how can you know what is right?

**A**-There are at least five ways you can discern the will of the Lord. First, the apostle Paul wrote in the book of Ephesians, "*And this is my prayer. That...the God of our Lord Jesus Christ and the all-glorious Father will give you spiritual wisdom and the insight to know more of Him*" Ephesians 1:16, (Phillips Bible).

He wouldn't have said that unless it was possible through prayer to gain spiritual wisdom and insight. Therefore, the search for God's should begin on *your knees*. He will meet you there. Remember, that Jesus promised, "*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you*" Matthew 7:7 (Thompson Chain Reference)

Second, you should examine the Scriptures for **principles** that relate to the issue at hand. The Lord will never ask you to do anything that is morally wrong or in contradiction to His Word. If what you are considering violates a concept you find in the Word, you can forget it.

Third, it is helpful to seek advice from those who are spiritually mature and solid in their faith. A godly counselor or pastor can assist you in avoiding the common mistakes that confuse many people.

Fourth, you should pay close attention to what is known as "providential circumstances." The Lord often speaks through doors that open or close. When you begin to be blocked on all sides in a particular pursuit, you might consider the possibility that God has other plans for you I'm not suggesting that you give up at the first sign of obstacles but that you attempt to "read" the events in your life for evidence of divine influence.

"Fifth and finally, do nothing impulsively. Give God an opportunity to "speak". Until He does, stall for time and concentrate on the first four approaches." - Dr. James C. Dobson

We **can't** "rely" on feelings impressions or emotions when it comes to situations and decisions in our lives. That can be very dangerous. I was very happy to see Dr. Dobson step out and say what he knows to be true. We need to step out and let God be God!

He has so much to say to us. We can't just totally look at the written Word for all of the answers.

We need to get to know the author of "The Book"!

I love my Bible! There are so much information and stories about the lives of so many precious people from Creation to Revelations! My Bible tells me about my Lord and Savior's walk on this earth and what he gave up coming to this earth to live out how we should be living our lives!! My Bible does not tell me what house to buy, or where I need to be living (city). The written Word doesn't tell me what clothes to wear, or what to teach but, like Jesus said, "*He tells me what to say and how to say it.*" The Voice of my Lord does tell me where God wants or needs me to be on a given day. PLUS, what I need to be doing on any given day! And yes – what toothpaste I should be using!

As I continued with my search: I felt led to go through a book authored by Jack Deere, "Surprised by the Voice of God." Many things jumped out at me! Here is a man who was assistant professor of Old Testament Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary. He openly admits that he read the written Word like a Pharisee, and I feel led to quote what Mr. Deere said in his book:

*"The Pharisees read, studied and memorized the Bible more than most church going people today will ever do, but unlike Moses and the other Old Testament heroes, they could not hear God's voice. Jesus said the Pharisees never heard his Father's voice at any time (John 5:37). The Pharisees claimed to be looking for the coming Messiah, but they never really expected the Old Testament examples of supernatural phenomena to be repeated in their lifetime. They had a theoretical belief in the supernatural-they believed in angels and the resurrection of the body-but expected nothing supernatural in their lives. They did not listen for God's voice apart from the Scriptures and they never heard His voice in scriptures."*

Mr. Deere goes on to say. "*A word of caution here: Please don't make the mistake of thinking that since the Pharisees weren't Christians, you and I can't repeat their sins today. Any Christians can fall into sin. The Pharisees are the New Testament's monumental warning of what can happen to religious people when they become proud. There is no more effective way to drown out the voice of God than through the noise of pride. And no believer is exempt from the sin of religious pride.*"

"There are a number of examples from the New Testament that show us that God still speaks today in ways other than the Bible-examples from the lives of Jesus, the apostles and others. It would be easy to discount these examples by saying these were special people living in special times. But this would be a very "unbiblical" way of reading the Bible. **A more biblical way is to think of Jesus as our supreme example of both how to live and how to minister.**"

“Think of the apostles as James said to think of Elijah, “**As men like us** who prayed earnestly.” Consider the possibility of angelic visitations as suggested in Hebrews 13:2 (CJB). Remember what Paul said of the miracle and judgments that happened to the Israelites in the wilderness, “**These things happened to them as examples** and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.” 1 Corinthians. 10:11 (CJB). The miracles of the Bible are still examples and warnings for contemporary Christians.”

Mr. Deere went on to say:

*“Most of my life I’ve read the Bible more like a Pharisee than a New Testament Christian. Most of my life I’ve made the mistake of believing God for too little. For the rest of my life, if I have to make a mistake, it’s going to be believing God for too much. But how can you believe an omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent God for too much, especially when He himself says, “Everything is possible TO SOMEONE WHO HAS TRUST” Mark 9:23 (CJB)*

I’m not in any way promoting Jack Deere’s book, or anyone else’s. It is just that what I’m sharing with you, is what jumped out at me as I was reading through the book. Mr. Deere has come to learn many of the things that so many others (including myself) across Christendom are coming to understand. God wants to talk to His people through His precious Holy Spirit!

At this point I’m including the scripture Mr. Deere was referring to in his book. I might add that he referred to this particular scripture many times throughout his book. *“I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his **voice** nor seen his **form**, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. **You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to “come to me” to have life.**”* John 5:36-40 (NIV)

***“MY sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”*** John 10:27 (NIV)

*“But this thing commanded I them, saying, **Obey my voice, and I will be your God,** and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.”* Jeremiah 7:23 (JKV)

*“When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, **and shalt be obedient unto his voice;**”* Deuteronomy 4:30 (JKV)

Deuteronomy appeared to have the most, I wanted to know why. I went to the Spirit Filled Bible and this is what Jack W. Hayford, General Editor had to say in his preface to the book of Deuteronomy.

“Deuteronomy is characterized by a strong sense of urgency. Even to the contemporary reader the challenge is decisive: ***“I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life that both you and your descendants may live”*** (30:19). **The decision is ours!**

Deuteronomy teaches that the relation of God to His people is far more than law. The indispensable conditions of our covenant relationship with God are **obedience and loyalty**. Our love, affection, and devotion to the Lord must be the true foundation of all our actions. Loyalty to God is the essence of true piety and holiness. **Success, victory, prosperity, and happiness all depend upon or obedience to the Father.** The book is a plea for our obedience to God based the motives of love and fear. *“What does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes: (10:12, 13).*

Moses was the first to prophesy the coming of the messiah, a Prophet like Moses himself (18:15). Notably, Moses is the only person with whom Jesus ever compared Himself. **“For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My ‘words’?”** John 5:46, 47 (NIV) (Jack W. Hayford)

In the scripture that Mr. Hayford quoted the use of the word, words is Strong’s 4487 meaning, **“the rhema, the spoken word, not logos”**. We are told to obey the “voice of the Lord” in the Old Testament and Yeshua (Jesus) came to reinforce that command in a big way!

**“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.** *I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”* Matthew 5:17-20 (NIV)

The more that I search the scriptures and listen to God, it amazes me how so many of us take what we say about God and confess about God so lightly. I have done it, so I’m not pointing a finger at anyone. We have all stood in church and praised the Lord by singing songs with the following words, “what a friend we have in Jesus”.

**When was the last time we sat still and listened to what our friend Jesus had to say to us?**

There is another song that is one of my all-time favorites, in fact I used to sing it over and over and over to my children when I rocked them to sleep, or when they were sick,

I would hold them and sing this song. It must be embedded in their memories. The words in this song the church have been singing for generations to God! I ask those of us who have sung this song, how many times did we really sing this song and not pay careful, careful, attention to the words.

*“I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses, and THE VOICE I HEAR FALLING ON MY EAR the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me, and HE TALKS WITH ME AND HE TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN. And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known”.*

What about this, have we been singing something all these years that we did not mean, or believe? Were we just mouthing words to God that held no truth to us?

You know we need to be very careful about what we sing and what we say. We need to be careful what we say to God and what we say about God. What we say and sing to God, He takes seriously. We are held accountable to God for what we SPEAK and SING to Him. The written Word tells us that! Words are eternal, and we are held accountable for every word we speak. We often lift-up to God in praise service, words that we are not even really thinking about. Why? Because our minds are on other things during that time, how we feel, what so and so is wearing, what we are going to have for lunch. If we say it, God takes it very seriously and to sing it to God is to say it to Him! He is listening to what we are saying everyday - are we?

## **Main Point!**

The purpose of what I have said in this teaching is to get to the main point. We need to be sitting with God and allowing Him to speak with us. We need to get down to business; God has things that He needs to tell us and things for us to do!

God is not going to come into your house and take the remote control from your hand and turn off the TV and say let's talk. He is not going to do that anymore than He would have busted into the door of your heart and forced you to get "saved". **God just doesn't work like that!** He will NOT go against your choices. God has given us our own free will, and with that free will, we can make our own choices. **GOD DOESN'T WORK ON AND INTERVENTION BASIS!** If He worked like that He would have zoomed in and stopped Eve from taking the bite of the fruit. He certainly saw what she was about to do, the choice she made was ONE TOTALLY overstepping God's will for her and all future generations! God was certainly totally against what Eve was doing just like the many times we choose and have chosen to do the opposite of His will in our lives! All I'm saying here is this, we have our own free will and what we choose, we choose. God allows us to choose and when we choose wrong – we have just placed a wedge between us and God! When we choose wrong, we have made steps backward from God. Like I have heard SAID in Christendom – **"If you don't feel close to God – WHO MOVED?"** God doesn't honor our wrong choices, when God honors something, it brings glory to Him! Our wrong choices don't bring glory to God!

Something is either God's will, or it isn't. Pay close attention to the intentions of your heart. They will tell you a great many things! God doesn't force Himself on us, He wants our love and devotion and obedience, because we want to give it to Him, not because we have-to!

## **Look at it This Way:**

Our time is God's time, each and every second of our day belongs to God and I emphasize every second! God's Son died on a cross and paid for your sins and mine in order for us to have the opportunity to go to Heaven! We were bought and paid for at the Cross! **Jesus died in our place!** Here is another point - don't you think God wants to have a "say" in how your life is carried out every day? We were bought with a price - the price was the death of God's Son Jesus Christ! Think of all the things you have bought for your home over the years. Did you have a say on how that object should be used and cared for? For examples sake let's say that it was a coffee pot. Did you know what the best way to handle it and keep it clean inside and out in order for the best aroma and flavor to flow through? Well, keep in mind this - when WE told God WE wanted HIM to come in and take over - GOD TOOK US SERIOUSLY! We want to be mature in the Lord, but **maturity with the Lord depends on how much time you spend with Him and how close you walk with Him in your life.**

When you sit down with God make sure your attitude and reason for wanting to hear God is to give God victory in your day. Make sure it's not just to get God to answer questions or to solve problems you encounter. That comes along with the territory, because God loves us and wants to do that for us, but that should not be our focus.

When you listen to God there are going to be times, when God wants to talk to you about a serious or intimate issue. Don't attempt to be doing something else, while you are talking with God. That is not to say you can't talk with Him anytime. What I'm saying is this, when you are talking with God and He is trying to discuss something of great priority to Him, sit down and listen. Give Him your full attention. Give Him the respect that He is due! We can talk with God while we are driving, doing dishes, or working on the car. Just make sure that God has the time that He needs to get through to you in the way He needs to. **Be available to God!**

**God is waiting to talk with you! Would you like His telephone number? It is very easy to get a hold of Him; your directions are found in the book of Jeremiah.**

*"This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it -- the LORD is his name: '**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.**' Jeremiah 33:2-3 (NIV)*

## **Give Him a call, will you?**

*“Living in the Spirit is a life of discipline and begins with listening to His VOICE! Jesus didn’t have Bibles with him – NO WRITTEN MATERIAL! He SPOKE to them: living in the Spirit – and full of the Holy Spirit! The early church didn’t have bibles – the Holy Spirit spoke to them!”* (Pastor Jack Hayford)

**“Desist, and learn that I AM GOD, that I AM God, supreme over the nations, supreme over the earth.”** Psalm 46:10 (CJB)

- **Talk to God!**
- **Listen to God!**
- **Obey God!**

**When learning to listen to God it is important to understand no matter what someone else says - you have to follow God’s direction!**

When God tells you something it is important! If He is telling you something that He wants done –it is important! Everything God tells you is important – so when He tells you something He is commanding you with an instruction – take it seriously!”

Does it bother you when you are talking with someone and you are sharing things from your heart, and they must answer the phone? Or when you are eating with someone and they just must answer the phone? If so let me share this – God doesn’t like His time with you to be interrupted one iota. This is complete disrespect to **THE I AM!** It is disrespectful thing to do to our precious God – The Creator of the Universe! It is disrespectful enough when it is done to family or friends – how much more disrespectful is it to God – He is not on the level of humanity. He is high and lifted up!

Don’t go to God to talk with Him with **“your expectations and demands”**. When you do this, you are treating your life like it is still yours. When you said a sinner’s prayer or simply ask God into your life you turned your life over to God! We were bought and paid for at the Cross. Make sense? Make sure you are going to talk about what God wants to talk about and not about what you want! He goes first! You will have your turn.

Don’t go to God in your time frame such as “working Him into your schedule” when it is a good time for you! **He comes first!** Please, leave your agenda on the back burner!

When I first started to hear God’s voice, He set the time He wanted to talk with me. He set 4 in the morning in the beginning! I was shocked! How did I know He wanted me to get up at four in the morning? God kept waking me up at four – VERY WIDE AWAKE! At that period in my life, I was working and counseling individuals all day – from 9 to

9 pm! It was tough! I didn't understand. You see I was thinking in regard to my own agenda. I pushed through and I found out later that God was testing me! He does that you know.

### **Don't just say, Can I God?**

*“Everything is permissible for me”—**but not everything is beneficial.** “Everything is permissible for me” – but I will not be mastered by anything<sup>3</sup> I Corinthians 6:12 (NIV)*

When we learn to hear God's voice and we are talking to Him, we should not say, “God, can I do this or that?” He is going to answer “yes”. Why? Because, seeing as how we have the right to choose God is not going to stop us – He didn't stop Adam and Eve, David or Jonah from choosing incorrectly! The question that we must ask ourselves is this: “Do I want to do what is God's best for my life? Or do I want to do what I want to do?”

Like Paul said, *everything is permissible but not everything is beneficial!* We should also keep in mind that there are no gray areas with God. Things are either black or white! It is either God's best for our life, or it is not. The choice is ours!

## When You First Start

When you first start hearing God it is very common to hear a few words at a time. Not everyone is the same. You could get one word at a time or even two or three. Some people get a sentence. Don't be discouraged if that happens to you! Just make sure you don't get discouraged and give up! Satan would like that! If discouragement starts to creep in – start praying each and every day asking God to give you great determination in your journey to hearing His voice. I urge you not to give up! You will find this to be the most wonderful journey! **So, make sure you get quiet with God and let Him talk to you!**

### **Exodus 19**

There are four prerequisites God made of His people before they could meet with Him. He brought them to His chosen place of meeting, but before He would give His revelation to them, **He required them to do four things: They had to be willing to obey! (V. 3-6) be sensitive to hear. (V. 9) consecrate their hearts. God does have boundaries. (v.10-14) Show respect for God, for what He says, and for what He asks you to do! (v. 23)**

Just make sure you get before God the Lord and cleanse your mind, your thoughts and your attitudes. By that I mean asked God to cleanse you from any WRONG ATTITUDES AND THOUGHTS. Make sure you don't have any unforgiveness regarding anything or anyone. Holding on to un-forgiveness can put a wedge between you and God. A daily cleansing before the Lord is not only a cleansing of yourself from unrighteousness or un-forgiveness – it is also a cleansing of all the things that could block you from hearing God. Praying and asking God to cleanse you is also a giving over of your attitude and a giving over of your day to God.

If you get up in the morning and just go about your day without praying and giving God, your day – you have basically just blown it! Let me explain: We live in a world full of people with bad attitudes, anger issues, carriers of unforgiveness, and people full of selfishness. This sounds horrible – but it is truth! Think for a moment - you know I am telling the truth.

Therefore, if you and I begin our days without taking the time to asked God to cleanse OUR attitudes, perspectives, and thinking patterns, we have just blown it. Why? Because, praying for a cleansing for all these things is preparation for the day God has given us. We need help each day to get through each moment of our day!

We are living in a time where we need all the help we can get! Am I right? If you believe this – who than is better equipped to help us than the God of all creation – the one who created us!

We need to make sure we do a cleansing before God and then say to Him, “God, my day is your day.” And then like the child Samuel said to God in I Samuel 3:10b, “*And Samuel said, “**Speak, for your servant is listening.**”*”

People do not understand how important a cleansing is before we talk to God. They think it is almost a ritual, and it is NOT a ritual!

## **It is a SPIRITUAL PREPAREDNESS!**

It is done in order for you to be in the position that God needs you to be in your mind, thoughts and with your attitudes. It is important to do what I call a cleansing in order to understand what God is telling you to the point where you are able to follow it without Satan being able to twist it and turn it into something else! That is all it does! But at least it gives you the solidity of knowing that what you heard is truth, and what you are about to do is right! Because, if you don't have that solidity you can't obey. And if you don't obey can't help you because God will come first before anything and He will not go against His will! He can't grow you and transform you! In other words, you can't grow into what God created you to be! And if you don't grow, you don't make progress. And if you don't make progress, you don't go forward! And knowing that the written Word says if we don't go forward, we go backward, that is what ends up happening.

So, doing a cleansing may not sound to a great number of people that it is important. But, for somebody with un-righteousness heart intentions, it is imperative! Because it is a spiritual process that cuts apart and divides the world from God! Before you do a cleansing when you have unrighteousness heart intentions when you don't know and walk in God's nature and character and perfect will; you have a whole mess of stuff in your head – some of it God, some of it Satan, and a lot of the world. So, when you do that cleansing you put the evil aside in one corner, and the world aside in one corner, and you focus is on God. And for that **moment** that you are focused on God you can get clean direction, and a pure correct test. If you don't do the cleansing right – and all you have to do, to not do it right is to rush it – or go through it as if it were ritual, or a reading instead of a process. You can even do it wrong by thinking you are done before God tells you, you are done.

A cleansing has to come from your heart! You are not reading off a sheet of paper – you shouldn't be doing it from memorization! It has to come from your heart. Forget what you are used to doing – forget what you have read - forget what you thought God wanted to hear and **just speak from your hear heart!**

When we approach God, to come and sit with Him and speak to Him, we have to come with the appropriate attitude and with a heart that has been consecrated. In addition, we must come before Him with a willingness to obey, a sensitivity to hear and showing a respect for the Lord, God Jehovah. **We are coming before the I AM!** We are coming before the One True God! We are approaching the Holy God, the one who is **High and Lifted Up!** Therefore, we must come before Him in awe of who He is! In order to hear God's Voice clearly, we must consecrate ourselves (do a cleansing) each and every day, possibly several times a day. We must get rid of unforgiveness!

**Example:** Father, cleanse me totally. Cleanse me totally, so that I can walk in your righteousness today. Cleanse me totally Father in order that I can receive and bless others with your precious love! Father, I thank you for giving me this new day and I give it back this day. Every morning is a fresh new start Lord, and I thank You for this opportunity. I love you Lord, and I want to be in your perfect will. God, if there is that I have done to offend you in any way, I repent and I ask you to forgive me. If there is anything that you want to bring to my mind right that I have done to offend You or anyone else, I'm willing to hear it. (Pause and listen! If something comes into your mind, deal with it, as in forgiveness, or make a note to talk with God about it when you leave. **Don't forget!** If it is something for later, you must keep your word to God, and deal with it. If you were doing this at home, you would deal with it right then!

## Testing of the Spirits!

*“Dear friends, don’t trust every spirit. On the contrary, test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets gone out into the world. Here is how you recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges that Yeshua the Messiah came as a human being is from God, and every spirit which does not acknowledge Yeshua is not from God - in fact, this is the spirit of the Anti-Messiah. You have heard that he is coming. Well, he’s here now, in the world already!”* I John 4:1-3 (JNT)

**“Don’t trust every spirit. On the contrary, test the spirits to see whether they are from God”** I Th. 5:19-22 (NIV). This is an important principle for our age. After years of having lost touch with the spiritual realm altogether, many people are rediscovering it but have not the discernment to know which spirits “are from God.” **Not every inner voice or feeling is from God. Some are merely from us, either consequences of being over tired or overwrought, or expressions of our own wishes and fears.** Others are truly from the spiritual realm, but, unfortunately, from Satan and his demons, not from God and His angels. By the same token, not every prophet or religious teacher is from God; yet some are.

Verses 2-3 give one criterion by which to **test the spirits**. Another is that “spirits from God” can be expected to give wholehearted support to everything the Bible says.

**Every spirit which acknowledges**, Yechiel Lichtenstein writes, “Yochanan (John) did not say ‘believes,’ because a person cannot be recognized by his thoughts, only by his confession.” (JNTC, pg. 774)

If you wanted an answer from God, that what you were getting was right, you could say the following out loud: “Spirit that told me this, worship and sing praises to Jesus.” If you heard something start singing praises to Jesus at that moment, you know it is not a demon.

I asked God, if I had phrased it in the following way: “Spirit, that told me this, will you sing praises to Jesus Christ”, would the spirit lie and tell me yes? Would they tell me yes, even if they have no intentions to sing His praises? God said, “No!”

Will Satan always lie? **Yes!** Will a demonic spirit lie and say they will sing praises to Jesus the Christ, if they are unwilling to do so? No! If they answer “yes” then they would be under your authority! Then they would have to do it.

If you test the spirits out loud like this, “God, is that you?” Satan will probably answer and say yes! He will declare himself to be God, the written Word tells us. He will masquerade as an “angel of light” (II Cor. 11:14)!

You can say, “Spirit, who just told me that, sing praises to Jesus Christ!” There is no difference, in commanding the spirits to sing praises to the Lord Jesus and asking the spirits if they will. If what you are testing is from God, you are either going to get a yes, or you are going to hear them sing. If it is from the demonic realm, you will hear nothing, or you will hear a “no”.

When someone can’t get a clear “yes” or “no”, or they’re getting (hearing) double answers, that is a clear sign that there is a problem. The problem could be a presence of Satan in their life, powerful enough, to manifest himself in their thought patterns.

This is why it is necessary to do a cleansing. If you do a cleansing, go through forgiveness and allow God to drive out anything that Satan could be using to hinder or control your mind. There shouldn’t be any reason why God couldn’t be able to speak to you clearly. Once we are clean and God has the ability to say something to us, it is perfectly acceptable to test the spirits. In fact, as we just saw, the scripture encourages us to do just that.

When we believe that God has told us something (insight, instruction, correction) we need to be very sure before acting on that information. As we know, Satan is a deceiver, and he is the master deceiver! This must be done verbally since the enemy cannot read your mind! He can put thoughts in your mind, but he cannot read your mind. **The following is the only way we are aware of that has been proven to be effective in testing the spirits:**

**“Spirit who spoke to me, I command you in the name of Jesus to answer me. Spirit who just told me (state what you heard) do you worship and are you willing to sing praises to the Lord Jesus Christ?”**

## **Not Getting a CLEAR Answer?**

If you are **not** getting a clear “**YES**” or “**NO**” or if you are getting **nothing** the following steps may be helpful:

**Say out loud:** “Any spirit contrary to the will of the Holy Spirit, I command you in the name of Jesus to keep your mouth shut!”

**Say out loud:** “God, I put all my thoughts, expectations, motives and plans down, and I ask You to fully clear my mind.”

**Then say out loud:** “God, please give me some directions. I would like an answer because I want to do Your will.”

**NOW, TRY AGAIN!**

## **Further Scriptures to Back up The Testing of the Spirits**

*“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)*

*“what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.” Psalm 8:4- 6 (NIV)*

*“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)*

*“and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. **In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.** Ephesians 3:9-12 (NIV)*

*“Thus, saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, **and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.**” Isaiah 45:11 (NIV)*

*“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”. Matthew 16:19 (KJV)*

### **When you first start . . .**

When you first start hearing God, it is very common to hear a few words at a time. Not everyone is the same. You could get one word at a time or even two or three. Some people get a sentence. When I began my journey into hearing God’s voice, I began by getting two words at a time.

Don’t be discouraged if that happens to you! Just make sure you don’t get discouraged and give up! If discouragement starts to creep in – start praying each and every day asking God to give you great determination in your journey to hearing His voice. I urge you not to give up! You will find this to be the most wonderful journey! So, make sure you get quiet with God and let Him talk to you!

**Helps to hear God if you are blocked:** The following is a list of helps, in the event that you are feeling that you cannot hear God, or you are not hearing Him clearly.

- 1) Make sure that your house is spiritually clean, get a yes or no from the Father. Ask Him, "God, is my home free of any spirit contrary to the Holy Spirit?" If it is not, proceed to "clean house"!
- 2) If you are not hearing God, or if you are not hearing God clearly, do some warfare. After doing warfare, if you do not seem to be breaking through, make sure that you are clear with God, yourself. Make **sure** that you have done your daily cleansing.
- 3) If you feel you have done something wrong and God tells you, you haven't done anything wrong, you need to choose to let it go. Forgive yourself saying, "I'm sorry Father, I did anything wrong and God if I didn't, I choose to forgive myself for thinking that I made a mistake. I choose to forgive myself for doing something differently than you wanted me to God." Then, let it go!
- 4) If you have been offended and you feel that God was offended when - pray a healing over the Holy Spirit, because He does get hurt, this is an absolute! This is a must!
- 5) If you have been offended, make sure you aren't holding unforgiveness at anyone.
- 6) If you were offended, ask God if you need a healing, if so, pray a healing over yourself after you have worked through the issues surrounding the situation.
- 7) Ask God to clear your mind.
- 8) Pray, put down any preconceptions of what God wants you to do, what He wants to say and what He wants to talk with you about. Ask God, to give you the direction that He wants you to have to be able to hear what He has to say. This includes asking Him if He wants you to get a pen and paper, if He wants you at the computer, or if He wants you to just sit and listen. Ask Him how He wants to talk with you. Give God the freedom to have you right where He wants you in order to speak with you.
- 9) Pray and put protection over your communication lines, if necessary, ask God to send angels to protect those lines of communication. Also, give God the freedom to protect your communication with Him in any way He sees fit.
- 10) Ask God to allow you to hear His voice clearly that day, and to put clarity in His voice.
- 11) Bind up Satan, tell him that he has absolutely no authority to come against you in any way shape or form that day. Tell him, if he does, he will be severely punished and mean it!

(NOTE) The only other thing, someone can do is to pray each day, you will hear the voice of God clearly and that Satan will not be able to block your hearing.

## **Focus – Concentrate!**

Concentrate on what God has told you to do and put the potential outcome behind you.

Walk in blind trust, rather than in what seems possible.

Choose not to allow doubt/worry to take over your thought patterns.

After getting instruction from God, blank any “what ifs” from your mind, and focus on what God told you to do. If you start looking at the circumstances, and if you start thinking ‘what if, your peace will go!

If you have your instruction from God, don’t worry about the outcome. **There is a difference between walking in obedience, than walking in obedience in peace.**

Don’t allow the past to determine how you look at a potential job God has given you to do! **Everything is fresh!**

Without being afraid, put down your emotions and the past and what seems to be!

**Remember:** When you are focused you are keeping God’s perspectives fresh in your mind and being at peace with it. This is what God wants!

## Toilet Talkers!

When I began to learn to hear God I went to someone who could hear God and asked the following question. “Have you ever heard of God talking to someone while they were on the potty?” After a moment of silence came the bomb! “Is that the only place God can get you to be still?” they asked?

Some of the followings are what I learned that day:

There are people who say that God talks to them while they are sitting on the potty, while they are driving, while they are cleaning house, or doing chores, or playing computer games, or even while they are taking a bath. Someone once said to the person I had asked about this that: “God talks to me while I am sitting on the potty because that is when I am humble.”

That is a scary statement. If that is the only time someone is humble then they urgently need to be talking to God to find out why! Because that is a dangerous place to be walking while walking on this earth! That is a very wrong perspective about coming before God!

### Wrong Perspectives

**There’s way** is the only to spend time with God each day.

There’s is the **only time** they really spend with God because they are so **busy**.

There way is **okay** with God to just have time with Him **each day**.

There way is okay to just talk with God on the **run**, or for the **short time** on the potty.

Can we talk to God at these times? YES! Should we feel free to talk with God during these times? YES! But if this is the main way you talk to God and have time with him, it is creating a problem in your life. And the problem is this – when it comes time and there will come a time where you will have a crises circumstance in which you need instant direction from God. And when you do, that direction is going to **have to be right!** And that direction won’t come! Why? Because you only trusted God enough to know how to hear him in order **to chat** on the potty/car/at work/cleaning/playing computer games or taking a bath. But you did not trust him enough in order for you to walk in a pure obedience, so that the crises could have been prevented in the first place, or it could have been fixed by God in the second!

Let’s put it another way. You trusted God enough and knew enough to chat with him, but not enough to live your life in a way that would have prevented the crises firstly. And secondly you did not trust him enough to live your life in a way that if there was

a mistake made, he could fix it! And because you did not, you will become stuck and doomed in a mess!

My friend/teacher made the following statement: “I can’t give you an example of one person that I know of who did this, that God was able to deliver out of their mess in a victory!”

### **Some Direction!**

If you do not have the desire in your heart to sit down and talk to God on a daily basis and let him teach you. Pray for it! And then try this. Whenever you have a problem or something is bothering you, like someone has offended you or hurt you, or you are disgusted, or anything like that. Talk to God about it, and ask him for a teaching, and write it down.

**If you do you will get hooked!** You will begin to appreciate God and his wisdom, and if you appreciate his wisdom and you start to understand the depth of his wisdom and the scope of his love and the general perspectives of his ways and his love for you. You will start to trust, and you will take a little step of faith. “God what do you want me to do today.” That is all it takes!

### **Thought Reminders!**

*“We can’t have an intimate relationship with God if we do all the talking!” - Charles Stanley - In Touch Ministries*

*“Most Christians do not listen to God. They go to him to talk!” - David Wilkerson*

The Talmud says, “Speech was given to men/women to be in the service of God and if the mouth doesn’t – it should be shut!” -Jewish Jewels

### **A Complex Situation**

When you are in a complex situation, it is critical that you get alone with God, listen and take a stand (the stand He tells you to). Do not call anyone, get alone with God first! When you are in a situation that is complex, God wants us to understand **His** perspective on it. Plus, HE has directions for you! After you get that direction, stand! Do not start checking and rechecking with other people - you will start doubting, and then you will get weak!