

GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH YOU

Hearing the Voice of God – Rick Warren
Parts 1-3

Jesus: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Luke 8:8 (NIV)

WHY IS IT ESSENTIAL TO HEAR GOD?

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Jesus: “My sheep recognize my voice and follow me.” John 10:27 (NLT)
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“Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, and everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track.” Proverbs 3:6 (The Message)
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“I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

HOW TO HEAR GOD Luke 8:4-15

1. _____
“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.” Luke 8:5 (NIV)

“Those along the footpath are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved.”
Luke 8:12 (NIV)

The hardened soil = _____

3 causes: _____

“Get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts, for it is strong enough to save your soul.”
James 1:21 (NLT)

2. _____

“Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. This seed began to grow, but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture.” Luke 8:6 (NLT)

“The rocky soil represents those who hear the message with joy. But like young plants in such soil, their roots don’t go very deep. They believe for a while, but they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow.” Luke 8:13 (NLT)

The shallow soil = _____

“Don’t give up the habit of meeting together; instead, let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25 (GNT)

3. _____
“Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it.”
Luke 8:7 (The Message)

“The seed that fell among weeds stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life’s worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don’t mature.” Luke 8:14 (NIV)

The soil with weeds = _____

“There was the sound of a gentle whisper.” 1 Kings 19:12 (NLT)

4. _____
“The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit.”
Luke 8:15 (GNT)

The good soil = _____

“They listen to God’s words and cling to them and steadily spread them to others who also soon believe.” Luke 8:15 (TLB)

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RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE

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"What you think is the right road may lead to death." Proverbs 14:12 (GNT)

"Don't believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; test it first to see if it really is!" 1 John 4:1 (TLB)

Jesus: "Anyone who wants to do God's will can test this teaching and know whether it's from God or whether I'm making it up." John 7:17 (The Message)

1. _____
"Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away."
Luke 21:33 (NIV)

"Truth stands the test of time." Proverbs 12:19 (NLT)

"Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed." Galatians 1:8 (NLT)

2. _____
"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

"We take every thought captive so that it is obedient to Christ."
2 Corinthians 10:5 (GW)

"If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition . . . such 'wisdom' is of the devil. The wisdom that comes from God is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere." James 3:14-17 (NIV)

3. _____
"God's intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known." Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)

"The wisdom of the righteous can save you." Proverbs 11:9 (GNT)

"In the multitude of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14 (KJV)

4. _____
"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well." Romans 12:6 (TLB)

5. _____
Jesus: "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." John 21:22 (NIV)

"Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand." Romans 14:4 (NIV)

"We will all be judged one day, not by each other's standards, or even our own, but by the judgment of God . . . It is to God alone that we shall have to answer for our actions." Romans 14:10, 13 (PHILLIPS)

6. _____

CONVICTION (from God) Exposes what's wrong "This needs to change"	VS.	CONDEMNATION (from Satan) Attacks your value "You're worthless"
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"There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 (NLT)

"Those whom I dearly and tenderly love, I tell their faults and convict and discipline. So be earnest and repent (changing your mind and attitude)." Revelation 3:19 (AMP)

"Satan is the accuser of believers." Revelation 12:10 (NIV)

7. _____
"God is not the author of confusion." 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

"Listen to this wise advice; follow it closely, for it will do you good, and you can pass it on to others." Proverbs 22:17 (TLB)

"He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you don't hear is that you do not belong to God." John 8:47 (NIV)

GETTING GOD'S VISION FOR MY LIFE

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"I will climb up into my watchtower now and wait to see what the Lord will say to me and how he will answer my (question). Then the Lord said to me, 'Write my answer in large, clear letters so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else. But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.'"

Habakkuk 2:1-2 (NLT)

1. _____
"I want to hear what God the Lord says." Psalm 85:8 (GW)

"My God, I want to do what you want." Psalm 40:8 (NCV)

*"What I want most of all and at all times is to honor your laws."
Psalm 119:20 (CEV)*

*"If you search for God with all your heart and soul, you will find him."
Deuteronomy 4:29 (NLT)*

2. _____
"I will climb up into my watchtower." Habakkuk 2:1 (NLT)

"Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." Luke 5:16 (NIV)

*"Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace."
Matthew 6:6 (The Message)*

- **REMEMBER** _____
"Don't worry about what you will eat . . . or drink . . . or wear . . . Your heavenly Father knows that you need (these things)." Matthew 6:31-32

3. _____
"I will wait." Habakkuk 2:1 (NLT)

"I will station myself." (NIV)

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

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"I wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him." Psalm 62:5 (NLT)

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*"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act."
Psalm 37:7 (NLT)*

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*"I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for he has promised."
Psalm 105:5 (TLB)*

4. _____
"I will look to see what he will say to me." Habakkuk 2:1 (NIV)

*"When I tried to figure it out, all I got was a splitting headache until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture."
Psalm 73:16-17 (The Message)*

- **ASK GOD A** _____
"If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him . . . But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to tell you." James 1:5-6 (TLB)

- **LOOK** _____
*"Open my eyes, so that I may see the wonderful truths in your Word."
Psalm 119:18 (GNT)*

5. _____
*"The Lord gave me this answer, 'Write down clearly . . . what I reveal to you.'"
Habakkuk 2:2 (GNT)*

"Write these things down for the future so that people who are not yet born will praise the Lord." Psalm 102:18 (NCV)

6. _____
*"O Lord, now I have heard your report, and I worship you in awe."
Habakkuk 3:2 (TLB)*

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