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*Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, **This is the way, walk in it.**" Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left. – Isaiah 30:21*

## RECAP OF WEEK TWO - DAYS 1-7

# LISTENING TO GOD

## I. How to Tell if the Voice Is from God

A. How do I know if I'm hearing from God or from Satan?

1. Matthew 4:1-11
2. 1 Peter 5:8
3. Matthew 16:22-23

| Satan Says...   | The Lord Jesus Says...  |
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| Do what you want to do.                                     | Consider the effects of your behavior on others. Lead a selfless and giving life. |
|   | Live with an eye to eternity.   |
| Don't concern yourself with what others say.                |   |
| You're as mature as you ever need to be. You're a grown up. | Continue to grow and mature and to become more and more like Christ.              |

B. Effects On Other People

1. God always works for the good of all His people . . . not just a few.

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2. Satan, on the other hand, just tells us what we want to hear.

If you feel the Lord is leading you in a particular direction, ask, “How will this affect people around me?”

Will anybody be hurt by what I am about to do or say?

3. 1 Thessalonians 5:15

### C. God is Never in a Hurry

1. 1 Samuel 10:8
2. Nehemiah 1:1-2:9
3. Psalm 62:5-6

Why did the psalmist urge his soul to wait for God?

What role does your will play in having patience?

What role does being silent before God – and listening for His voice – play in developing patience?

### D. Continually Value Spiritual Growth

1. Ephesians 4:14-15

What are some examples of ways the world is “tossed to and fro” by winds of false doctrine?

What is required for a Christian to avoid that childish tendency?

### E. Identifying God’s Voice

1. Philippians 4:7
2. Colossians 3:15

What role do the conscious choices you make play in combating anxiety?

How does the peace of God guard your heart and your mind?

## **II. Our Predisposition to Hear**

### **A. What We Hear from God is Determined in part by:**

1. Our prior relationship with Him
2. Our understanding about Him
3. Our attitude toward Him

### **B. Roadblocks Built into Your Spirit**

1. Faulty parenting
2. Bad teaching
3. Unexplained circumstances
4. Your own past rebellion.

What is some of the “history” you tend to bring into your conversations with God?

What roadblocks might be getting in the way of communicating with God?

### **C. Our History with God**

1. “It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me”  
(Galatians 2:20).
2. “...that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory  
of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”  
(Romans 6:3-4).

What does it mean to abide in Christ? How is this accomplished in the life of a believer? (John 15:5)

### **III. How to Listen Actively**

#### **A. The story of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:8-10)**

1. Active listening
2. Passive hearing
3. God wants our undivided attention: Active or Passive

#### **B. Listening Expectantly**

1. The stronger our faith, the greater our expectancy.

#### **C. Listen Quietly**

1. Psalm 46:10
2. Isaiah 40:31
3. Psalm 62:5-6

#### **D. Listen Dependently**

1. Requires complete dependence on Him as His agenda for our lives.

#### **E. Listen Openly**

1. Be willing to hear God correct us as well as comfort us, hear Him convict us as well as assure us, and to hear Him chastise us as well as praise us.
2. Don't put limits on what God may say to you.
3. 1 Corinthians 2:11-12.

## Prayers

Lord, there are so many voices in the world today that compete for our attention, and we need to discern how to hear Your voice. We thank You for loving us so much that you do not allow us to continue following the wrong voices in our lives, but lead us back to Your course and Your ways for us. Today, we pray that whenever we receive correction from You, we would look up to You and the immediate response in our spirit would be, “Yes, Lord.”

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Heavenly Father, we want to cultivate a listening heart and have a hunger within our souls to hear what You are saying. We want to have a spirit of submission and be obedient to Your will and purposes for our lives. Help us today to approach You with the correct understanding about Your nature and the correct attitude about Your love for us. Develop our relationship day by day as we choose to dwell in Your presence and listen for Your voice.

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Lord, it is beyond our comprehension why You choose to speak to folks like us – except when we consider that Jesus has made us worthy and valuable in Your eyes. We pray that we will be active rather than passive listeners when it comes to hearing Your voice. Heavenly Father, You are our perfect Shepherd, and we want to listen for Your words expectantly, quietly, dependently, and openly. Help us today to be open to receive the message You have for us with the right attitude of our hearts.