



This Week's Inspiration

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“A Listening Relationship with God”

Do you ever wonder why God does not speak to you more? Perhaps God speaks to all of us every day. And because the messages do not come to us the way we expect, we miss them. God challenges our expectations so He can refine our listening skills. If you expect mystical revelations from God, disappointment will eventually damage your faith. But if you open yourself to God speaking through other people, daily events and your own thoughts, I believe you will hear divine instruction and guidance throughout your day.

Learn to listen for God in three very human ways:

- **People** – God often uses people to speak a truth, an insight, or an instruction that we need.
- **Events** – Sometimes the events of life are divine classrooms in which, if we pay attention to God, redirect us from ineffective approaches to life.
- **Thoughts** – The Scriptures teach that the Holy Spirit will influence our thinking. If we pay attention to our best thoughts, we will hear more of God’s tutoring.

Perhaps the issue boils down to two very personal practices. First; desire – do I honestly desire to live in a listening relationship to God? Second; attention and awareness – which means, throughout the flow of my day, I purposefully focus my attention and elevate my awareness of the Divine. Jesus once said,

"He who has ears to hear let him listen."

Matthew 11:15

God Bless You,
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