



## This Week's Inspiration

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### “Hearing God’s Voice”

Listening skills help us connect better with other people—and hopefully, we see the value in that. The same listening skills that connect us to people also connect us to God. In fact, just hearing someone’s voice does not mean we are listening, which requires greater focus, concentration and self-discipline.

Although we do not hear God's voice with our ears, we do hear his voice in our mind *if* we focus, concentrate and quiet ourselves. I suggest the following ideas to help you listen to God:

- Read the Scriptures and ask God, *“How does this apply to me?”*
- Be very quiet within yourself and pray, *“Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.”*
- Listen for God to speak to you through other people and life events.

God desires to help us understand what He is saying as much as we desire to hear Him. This fact inspires us to listen in faith. Paul told the Philippian church:

*“It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”*  
Philippians 2:13

I encourage you listen to God and expect Him to be at work within you.

God Bless You,  
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