

## Hearing God Through the Bible

*“The Law of the Lord is perfect, giving new strength to the soul. The Law He has made known is sure, making the child-like wise. The Laws of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The Word of the Lord is pure, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The Lord is always true and right in how He judges. The Word of the Lord is worth more than gold, even more than much fine gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey straight from the comb. And by them Your servant is told to be careful. In obeying them there is great reward.” (Psalm 19:7-11)*

*“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” (Joshua 1:8)*

*“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119:105)*

*“From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:15-17)*

### Activation #1: Read Until God Speaks

1. Choose a chapter or a book of the Bible.
2. Ask God to speak to you as you read.
3. Start reading and stop when God speaks.
4. Write down the thoughts you get.
5. Thank God for speaking to you.

### Activation #2: Read Listening For God's Voice

1. Pray: Ask God to speak to as you read the Bible.

2. Read: Choose a passage to read from the Bible (a Psalm, a chapter from the Gospels, etc).

3. Reflect: Look for a word, phrase or verse that stands out to you (underline it or write it out).

4. Listen: Pay attention to the *spontaneous flow of words* that come to mind.

5. Write: Write down what God is saying to you.

6. Act: Think of a way to act on what God has said to you.

## John 14

“Do not let your heart be troubled. You have put your trust in God, put your trust in Me also.”<sup>2</sup> There are many rooms in My Father’s house. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going away to make a place for you.<sup>3</sup> After I go and make a place for you, I will come back and take you with Me. Then you may be where I am.<sup>4</sup> You know where I am going and you know how to get there.”<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way to get there?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus said, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one can go to the Father except by Me.”<sup>7</sup> If you had known Me, you would know My Father also. From now on you know Him and have seen Him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father. That is all we ask.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time and you do not know Me yet? Whoever has seen Me, has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”<sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and that the Father is in Me? What I say to you, I do not say by My own power. The Father Who lives in Me does His work through Me.<sup>11</sup> “Believe Me that I am in the Father and that the Father is in Me. Or else believe Me because of the things I do.”<sup>12</sup> For sure, I tell you, whoever puts his trust in Me can do the things I am doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father.<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so the shining-greatness of the Father may be seen in the Son.<sup>14</sup> Yes, if you ask anything in My name, I will do it.<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, you will do what I say.”<sup>16</sup> Then I will ask My Father and He will give you another Helper. He will be with you forever.<sup>17</sup> He is the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot receive Him. It does not see Him or know Him. You know Him because He lives with you and will be in you.<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you without help as children without parents. I will come to you.”<sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will see Me no more. You will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.<sup>20</sup> When that day comes, you will know that I am in My Father. You will know that you are in Me. You will know that I am in you.<sup>21</sup> The one who loves Me is the one who has My teaching and obeys it. My Father will love whoever loves Me. I will love him and will show Myself to him.”<sup>22</sup> The other Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Why is it You are going to show Yourself to us followers and not to the world?”<sup>23</sup> Jesus said, “The one who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love him. We will come to him and live with him.”<sup>24</sup> The one who does not love Me does not obey My teaching. The teaching you are now hearing is not My teaching but it is from My Father Who sent Me.<sup>25</sup> “I have told you these things while I am still with you.”<sup>26</sup> The Helper is the Holy Spirit. The Father will send Him in My place. He will teach you everything and help you remember everything I have told you.<sup>27</sup> “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give peace to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”<sup>28</sup> You heard Me say that I am going away. But I am coming back to you. If you love Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father. The Father is greater than I.<sup>29</sup> I have told you this before it happens. Then when it does happen, you will believe.<sup>30</sup> “I will not talk much more with you. The leader of this world is coming. He has no power over Me.”<sup>31</sup> I am doing what the Father told Me to do so the world may know I love the Father.

## John 15

“I am the true Vine. My Father is the One Who cares for the Vine.”<sup>2</sup> He takes away any branch in Me that does not give fruit. Any branch that gives fruit, He cuts it back so it will give more fruit.<sup>3</sup> You are made clean by the words I have spoken to you.<sup>4</sup> Get your life from Me and I will live in you. No branch can give fruit by itself. It has to get life from the vine. You are able to give fruit only when you have life from Me.<sup>5</sup> I am the Vine and you are the branches. Get your life from Me. Then I will live in you and you will give much fruit. You can do nothing without Me.<sup>6</sup> “If anyone does not get his life from Me, he is cut off like a branch and dries up. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire and they are burned.”<sup>7</sup> If you get your life from Me and My Words live in you, ask whatever you want. It will be done for you.<sup>8</sup> “When you give much fruit, My Father is honored. This shows you are My followers.”<sup>9</sup> I have loved you just as My Father has loved Me. Stay in My love.<sup>10</sup> If you obey My teaching, you will live in My love. In this way, I have obeyed My Father’s teaching and live in His love.<sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so My joy may be in you and your joy may be full.<sup>12</sup> “This is what I tell you to do: Love each other just as I have loved you.”<sup>13</sup> No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends.<sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do what I tell you.<sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants that I own anymore. A servant does not know what his owner is doing. I call you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father.<sup>16</sup> You have not chosen Me, I have chosen you. I have set you apart for the work of bringing in fruit. Your fruit should last. And whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you.<sup>17</sup> “This is what I tell you to do: Love each other.”<sup>18</sup> If the world hates you, you know it hated Me before it hated you.<sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. You do not belong to the world. I have chosen you out of the world and the world hates you.<sup>20</sup> Remember I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his owner.’ If they made it very hard for Me, they will make it very hard for you also. If they obeyed My teachings, they will obey your teachings also.<sup>21</sup> They will do all these things to you because you belong to Me. They do not know My Father Who sent Me.<sup>22</sup> “I have come and have spoken to them so they are guilty of sin. But now they have no reason to give for keeping their sin any longer.”<sup>23</sup> Whoever hates Me, hates My Father also.<sup>24</sup> I have done things among them which no one else has done so they are guilty of sin. But now they have seen these things and have hated Me and My Father.<sup>25</sup> This happened as their Law said it would happen, ‘They hated Me without a reason.’<sup>26</sup> “The Helper (Holy Spirit) will tell about Me when He comes. I will send Him to you from the Father. He is the Spirit of Truth and comes from the Father.”<sup>27</sup> You will also tell of Me because you have been with Me from the beginning.