

HEARING GOD

Receiving Guidance from God Message 5

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► Outline

... Each morning I bring my requests to You and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3b (NLT)

A. How to request guidance from God: (Luke 11:9-10; James 1:5-8)

1. Ask _____ questions.
(James 1:5a. C/R: John 14:13-14; 16:23-24; James 4:3)
2. Believe God will _____.
(James 1:5b-6. C/R: Mark 11:24; Hebrews 11:6;
1 John 5:14-15)
3. Determine to _____.
(James 1:7-8. C/R: Psalm 37:4; John 14:23;
1 John 3:21-22)

B. How to receive guidance from God: (Habakkuk 2:1-2; 3:2)

1. _____.
(Habakkuk 2:1a. C/R: Psalm 5:3)
2. _____.
(Habakkuk 2:1b. C/R: Psalm 46:10)
3. _____.
(Habakkuk 2:2)
4. _____.
(Habakkuk 3:2)

Answers: A. 1. specific 2. answer 3. obey B. 1. Withdraw 2. Wait 3. Write 4. Worship

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

Growing up, what was one thing you wanted so much that you kept asking your parents for it?

Prayer

Spend a few minutes in quiet with God. Invite Him into this time of study and reflection. Ask Him to show you what He wants you to know from each of these passages.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Luke 11:5-13.

1. The custom of Jesus' time was to provide hospitality to people who visited your home. Jesus talks about having persistence in asking. How's persistence part of your prayer life, and how do you deal with having to continually ask?
2. In verse 9, Jesus says *keep on* three different times. How does this help you continue praying for something?
3. Jesus says prayers will be answered. This should give us hope, but it can be difficult not having the answers we want. How do you respond to God when His answers are different from what you want?

Read John 14:1,12-14.

4. Jesus says to trust in Him. In what ways do you trust God? In what ways do you need to trust God more?
5. We can ask for anything in Jesus' name, and He will do it. The character and heart of Jesus matter in all we ask. How do you use this in your prayer life? Does what you ask align with who Jesus is?

Read Hebrews 11:1-3,6,39.

6. Faith in what God has done and what He will do is critical to receiving His guidance. How does looking at what God has done in your life grow your faith in what He will do in the future?

7. Believing God exists is the cornerstone of faith. Pray and ask God for the opportunity to share the Good News with a non-believer this week.
8. Our prayers aren't always answered at the time we would like. We may have to wait months, years, or we may never receive an answer. How do you incorporate patience into your prayer life?

Read Psalm 111:10; 112:1.

9. In these verses, what two things come from obeying God?
10. Do God's answers to your prayers always provide joy and make you want to obey? Describe a time when you didn't feel this way.

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

To hear God, **Habakkuk 2 and 3** provide a method to help receive what God has for us. Every day this week, practice these 4 steps as you pray.

- Withdraw
- Wait
- Write
- Worship

Memory Verse

Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to You and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: John 16:23-24

Day 4: Habakkuk 2:1-2

Day 2: Mark 11:24

Day 5: Habakkuk 3:1-2

Day 3: Psalm 37:4

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 16, we'll begin a new series, *Summer in the Psalms*. To prepare, read **Psalm 90**.

