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Listen and Follow

Built For This

From Intimidation To Excitement

John 10:1-6

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep **follow him** because **they know his voice**.
(John 10:4, emphasis added)

All passages, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version of the Bible.
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“Listening” – A New Paradigm

- You’ve Been _____ To _____.

“I wonder why God never speaks to me like that.”

The Spirit who inhabits us is not mute, restricting himself to an occasional nudge, a hot flash, a brilliant image or a case of goosebumps. . . . God walks and talks in our midst as part of how the kingdom of God is in our midst.

(Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)

- Listening Is _____.

We may mistakenly think that if God spoke to us we would automatically know who is speaking, without having to learn, but that is simply a mistake . . . But when God speaks and we recognize the voice as **his** voice, we do so because our **familiarity** with that voice **enables us to recognize it.**

(Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)

- Listening Well Requires:

- _____ To The _____
- _____ Down

Recognizing God’s Voice – Two Foundational Rhythms

- 1) _____

Our minds wander because, in Jesus’ words, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:21). When we come into God’s presence in prayer, we do so with the Spirit present to the deepest depths of our hearts. We should not be surprised that the truth of our hearts begins to percolate and rise to the surface. . . . prayer is an **invitation into truth** because truth gets us to the real desires of our hearts.

(Kyle Strobel & John Coe, *When Prayer Becomes Real*)

- 2) _____ On _____

All Scripture is **breathed out** by God. (2 Timothy 3:16 ESV, emphasis added)

We read the Bible—we always read the Bible—for the kind of seeing and savoring Christ that transforms us into his likeness.

(John Piper, *Reading The Bible Supernaturally*)