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The Question

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Getting Started

1) _____ . . . Is _____ .

Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long. . . .

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way. . . .

Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. (Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12)

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me. (Psalm 16:7)

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. (John 16:13)

While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them." (Acts 10:19-20)

2) _____ . . .

_____.

You are my friends.

(John 15:14)

Being close to God means communicating with him, which is almost always a two-way street. . . . God has created us for intimate fellowship with himself—both now and forever. This is the Christian viewpoint. It is made clear throughout the Bible. . . . As with all close personal relationships, God can be counted on to speak to each of us, when and as it's appropriate. . . . Learning the two-way communication between us and God will develop as a natural part of such a life.

(Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)

3) _____ . . .

To _____ In _____.

4) _____ . . . _____.

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5) _____ . . . Is _____.

Let me make a bold statement at the beginning of this book: Learning how to hear the voice of God is the solution to 1000 problems! It's also the key to discovering our destiny and fulfilling our potential.

His voice is love.

His voice is power.

His voice is healing.

His voice is wisdom.

His voice is joy.

(Mark Batterson, *Whisper*)

I was given a vivid realization, which never left me, of how such talk places many sincere Christians on the outside, looking in. They are not necessarily lacking the experience of hearing God, but they do not understand the language or how their experience works. This leaves them feeling confused and deficient . . . and rightly makes them very uncomfortable. It undermines their confidence that they are fully acceptable to God. . . .

Up to that point I had rashly assumed that if you were really a Christian, then God spoke to you as a matter of course, and you knew it. I was sure that he spoke individually, and specifically about what he wanted each believer to do and that he also taught and made real to individuals the general truths all must believe in order to enter into life with him.
(Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)

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Two Key Questions

1) _____ You _____ . . . _____ Is _____ _____ ?

2) _____ . . . _____ You _____ To _____ _____ _____ ?

