

Commitment Prayer:

Commit to following through in obedience because you love Jesus. Commit to the process of daily making decisions, big and small, to live for and follow Jesus. Tell Him that you desire to need Him in every area of your life.

Thanksgiving:

Thank Jesus for the intimate relationship He desires to have with you. Thank Him for His love and forgiveness.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to accelerate your growth in recognizing God’s voice.



Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions:

- How are you making out with the listening prayer homework? What has Jesus been saying to you in the past few weeks?
- During the listening exercise, did you experience a ‘green light, yellow light, or red light?’
- What do you think Jesus might be saying to you in this season about the pace and condition of your internal world?



What Does the Inaudible Voice of God Sound Like?

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Foundational Convictions:

1. Hearing God is about relationship.
2. Steeping in Scripture is crucial.
3. Hurry diminishes capacity.
4. Humility is paramount.
5. Commitment to obedience matters.
6. There is no substitute for practice.
7. Start small.
8. Journaling brings focus.
9. Listening with others accelerates confidence.
10. What you do is not as important as who you are becoming.

Three Aspects of the Voice

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”
Luke 24:32

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

James 3:17

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105

Hearing God Practice

If we are going to grow in our confidence in recognizing God's voice, we need to ensure (with the help of the Holy Spirit), that there is no blockage stemming from sin and/or misalignment with God and His Word.

Set time aside this week (feel free to return to this multiple times this week if necessary) to invite Jesus to show you your heart.

Remember Foundational Conviction #8: Journaling brings focus! Be sure to write out what comes to your heart and mind. Don't overthink it! Write what comes to your mind... and then review it afterwards and simply ask – "Jesus, is this you?"

Cultivating a Heart of Repentance

Thanksgiving:

Thank Jesus that through repentance we can draw nearer to him. Ask Jesus to bring to mind a time when you made a mistake or had a struggle, but your heart was set on Jesus, so you worked through it with genuine repentance. Then ask Jesus how he felt about you through the process. Give praise to Jesus for His love and forgiveness.

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

Jeremiah 17:9-10 NLT

Personal Reflection:

Are you willing to let Jesus examine your heart motives right now? Do you give Him full permission to show you things about your heart and motives that you may not have seen before?

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalm 139:23-24 NLT

Listening Prayer:

Ask Jesus to speak to you about your willingness to get rid of sin in your life. Ask Him to speak to you about specific areas (e.g. purity, greed/materialism, telling the truth (not exaggerating), integrity (when no one's looking), obedience, submission, seeking His will, etc.).

Listening Prayer:

Ask Jesus to show you where you are on the continuum of relying totally on Him vs relying mostly on yourself. Ask Him to speak to you about specific areas (e.g. work, finances, serving, relationships, everyday tasks, health, etc.).

Listening Prayer:

Ask Jesus to speak to you about the things in your life that may keep you from recognizing your need for Jesus (e.g. entertainment, TV/social media, vacations, latest fashions, other comforts, your own talents/abilities, etc.).

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

Proverbs 28:13 NLT

Listening Prayer:

Ask Jesus to bring clarity about what He has been showing you and revealing any sins that need confessing. Write them down. Confess these sins and ask Jesus to forgive you. Ask Jesus to speak to you about any motives in your heart that need to be addressed. Confess any impure motives, asking Jesus to forgive you.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"

Matthew 16:24-26 NLT