

The Simple Secret to Hearing God Speak

1. What is the most basic revelation that God has given us in his word that sets us on the pathway to authentic relationship with God?
2. No matter where you are in your faith journey – whether you are just testing the waters to see if there is anything out there worthy of believing in, or you are a long-time believer desiring a richer, more fulfilling relationship with the creator of the universe – the starting point is always the same. *Seek and you will find.*

Jer. 29:13-14 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD. NIV

3. If you seek God, he will show up. There is no trick or gimmick--He promises that if we want to find him, we will. How can we be so sure? Because *he is looking for us and always has been.*
4. God comes to us sometimes in *miraculous* ways and sometimes in very *mundane* ways, but he does come.
5. Whenever we seek him, we are responding to his stirring something in us.
6. If you do know him and cannot find him right now, hear this: that is normal, too. Either there is some reason he is not doing anything at the moment, or he is doing something and you cannot see it.
 - a. Character development
 - b. Circumstance preparation

Ps. 143:7-8 Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. 8 Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, *for to you I lift up my soul.* NIV

7. It's normal to experience times like that, but the answer is always the same....*seek.*

Ps. 9:10 Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. NIV

8. God wants you to seek him. And when you do, he promises that he will reward your seeking.

Heb. 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. NIV

9. You do not have to have the biggest faith, or belief, in the world. Just the act of believing enough to seek is enough for him to come to you. Listen to the clear word of Jesus Christ on this matter:

Matt. 7:7-8 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. NIV

Four Steps to Seeking God

1. Seek him with **INTENSITY**
2. Seek him in **COMMUNITY**
3. Seek him **BIBILICALLY**
4. Seek him **PERSONALLY**

Prov. 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. NLT