

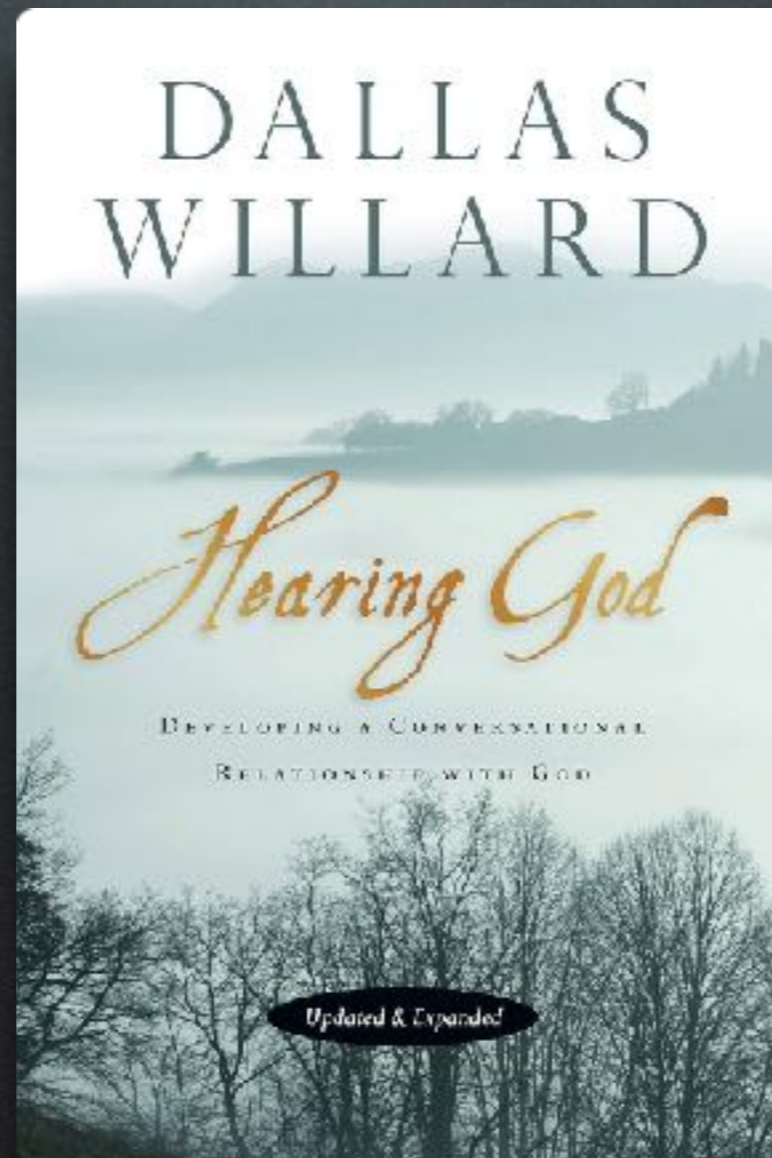
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HEARING GOD

Session 6 - *“The Still, Small Voice and Rivals”*

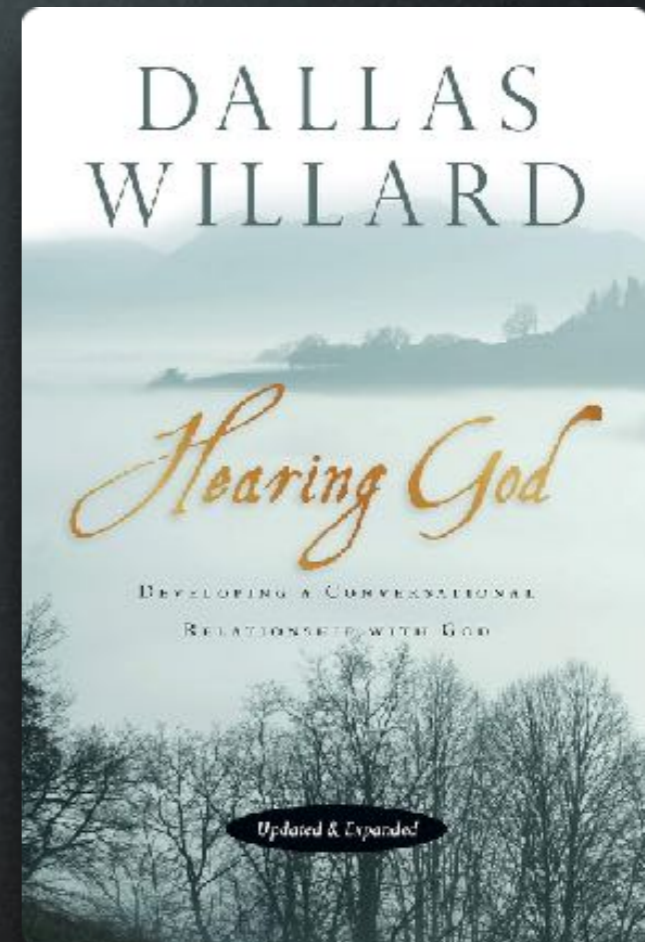
Chapter 5



Session 5 Review

Hearing God is a day-to-day reality for people with good sense; those devoted to the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom, the disciple of Jesus Christ who has no higher preference than to be like Him. (92)

Perhaps we do not hear the voice of God because we do not expect to... (93)



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The Primacy of the Inner Voice

A major point of this book is that the still, small voice is the preferred and most valuable form of communication for God’s purposes... showing forth the reality of the Kingdom of God as [we] go. (118)

“...after the fire, a still, small voice.” 1 Kings 19:13



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Participation in Biblical Experience

As if happening to us

Generally speaking, God will not compete for our attention. In most cases, God will not run over us. (120)

“And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13





Chapter 3

How to Believe the Bible Stories (44-45)

“Read the Bible as if we had been there...” otherwise:

Problem #1 – The Bible becomes a book of Doctrine

Problem #2 – We stop reading the Bible with
interest, intelligence, joy, imagination

Chapter 1

*In the most primary of senses
the word of God is simply God speaking.*

A Catalog of Encounters with God

Phenomenon plus a Voice (121)

“This is my son, whom I love, with Him
I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17

Supernatural Messenger or Angel (121)

Dreams and Visions (123)

Audible Voice (124) – *The Ministry of Eli* (19, 143)

Human Voice (125-130) – *Most common in the Bible*

Human Spirit or “Still, Small Voice” (130-136)

Growing in Oneness of Mind

God comes precisely through our minds

We are able to use His knowledge of Himself — made available to us in Christ and the Scriptures — to understand in some measure His thoughts and intentions toward us, and to help us see His workings in our world. (131)

God comes to us precisely in and through our thoughts, perceptions and experiences, and that He can approach our conscious life only through them, for they are the substance of our lives. We are, therefore, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2).

God's gracious incursions into our souls can make our thoughts His thoughts. (135)



“Man's spirit is the lamp of Yahweh.”

Proverbs 20:27 (TJB)

“We have the mind of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 2:16



Our Quest to Hear God – Pathways 1- 5

Nothing in Scripture, reason, or the very nature of things asserts what any or all of these types of experience might not be used by God today. (136)

- God Speaks Today (136)
- Conversing With God (138)
- Silence is Not an Answer (138)
 “Grace is sufficient” 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Need More than the Bible? (139)
- Bible Deism = God stopped speaking. (142)

The Pathway of God Speaking Today

Biblical Christians are not just people who hold certain beliefs about the Bible. They are also people who lead the *kind of life* demonstrated in the Bible: a life of personal, intelligent interaction with God.

emphasis added (137, 147, 274, 286)

“My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me.”
John 10:27





Our Quest to Hear God Pathways 6-10

Leaders Turning People On, Not Off (142)

To foster each individual's adventure with God.

The Priority of the Voice (144)

Clearer content to the more mature

More Spectacular, Less Mature (147)

How Obscurity Can Serve Us (148) - *Ignorant bliss*

The Signs are Not the Reality (150)

God's whole purpose is to bring us to the point where He can walk with us quietly, calmly and constantly, leaving us space to be His (often fumbling) co-laborers. (151)



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Hearing God Beyond Word

There is, finally, a silence that speaks, which paradoxically, “says” all. (152)

*“What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight;
what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.”*

Matthew 10:27

Q&C

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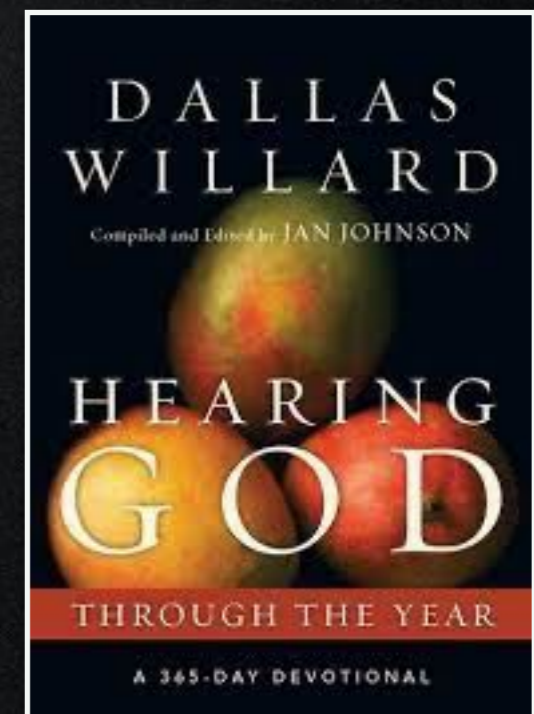
Meditation – *Lectio Divina #3 (131-133)*

Proverbs 20:27 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Application

- 1.) Does God speak audibly today? Did/could/would God speak to me?
- 2.) Have I experienced God speaking to me through a human? If so, when?
- 3.) Is the “still, small voice” in my mind the primary means of hearing God?

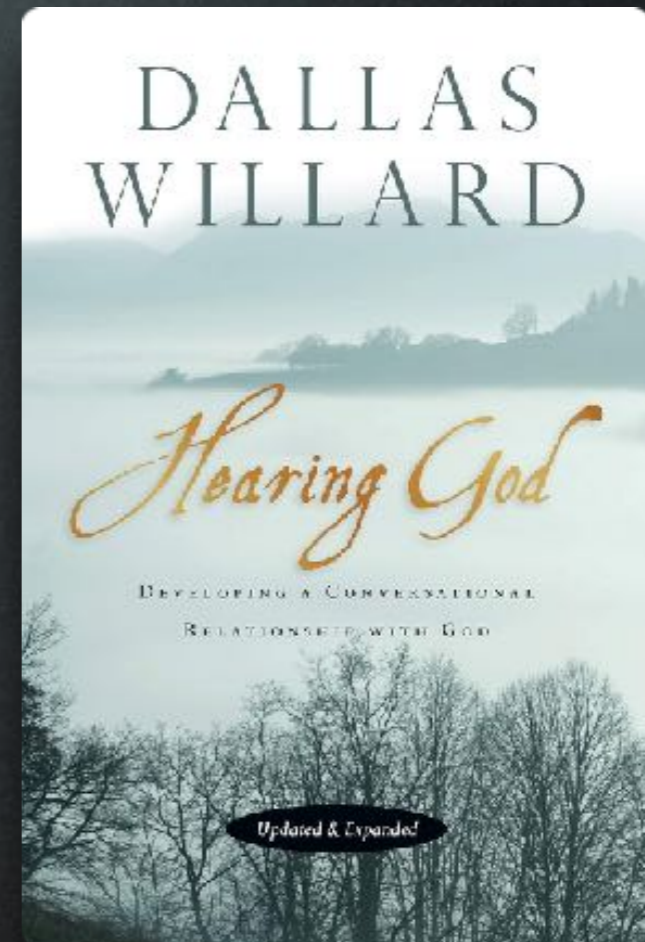
Converse daily with God —>

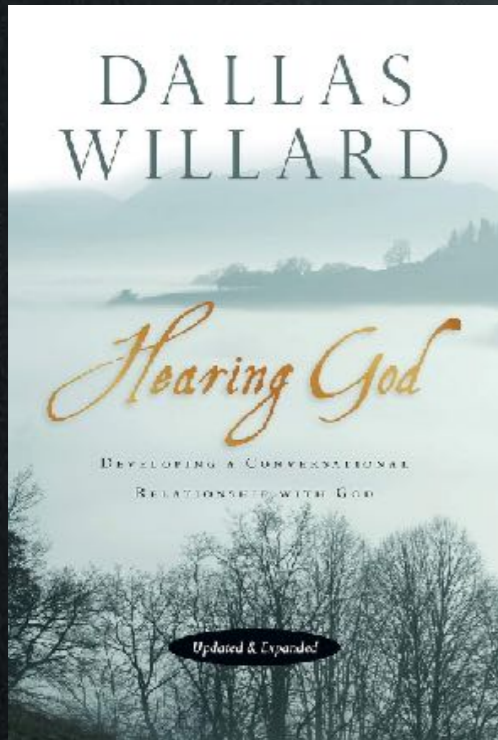


Session 6 Summary

God spoke to people in the Bible in many ways outside of Him speaking through the Bible. He continues today.

The still, small voice is the preferred and most valuable form of God's Kingdom communication. The more mature the listener, the more ordinary and clear the message.





Next — Session 7

“The Word of God and
The Rule of God”
Chapter 6

What part does God's Word have in everyday reality?

Two "Hearing God"
Teachings by Dallas



Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel



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4 Sessions + 11 highlight clips
Birmingham, Alabama — August, 2011

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4 Sessions — St. Malo, Colorado — March, 2011

Just Posted!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9BEcpHM2gs&t=4s>

Dallas move the idea of hearing God from the context of religion into the context of real life with a solid theological foundation. The life that God presents to us in the Bible includes the assumption that God will be speaking to us (Ps. 32, Is. 30), but many people can't identify God speaking to them or think that they don't deserve for Him to speak to them. Now you can learn how to develop a conversational relationship with Him.

A friendship mindful of
Jesus Christ awaits
your next 10,000
minutes as you walk
with the Good
Shepherd.

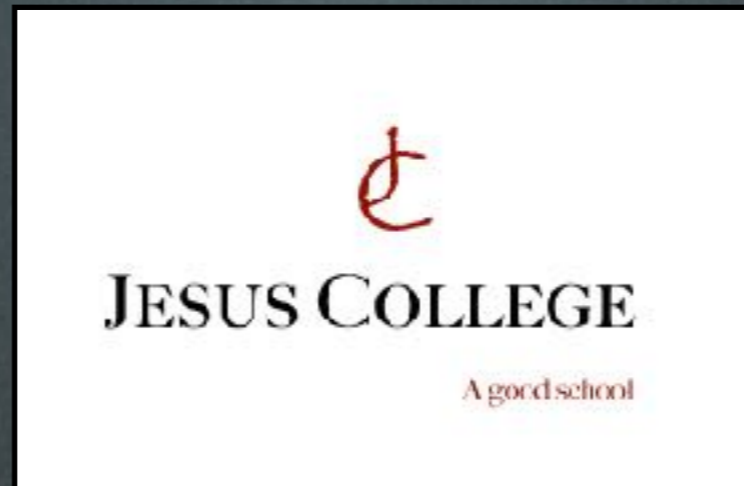
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