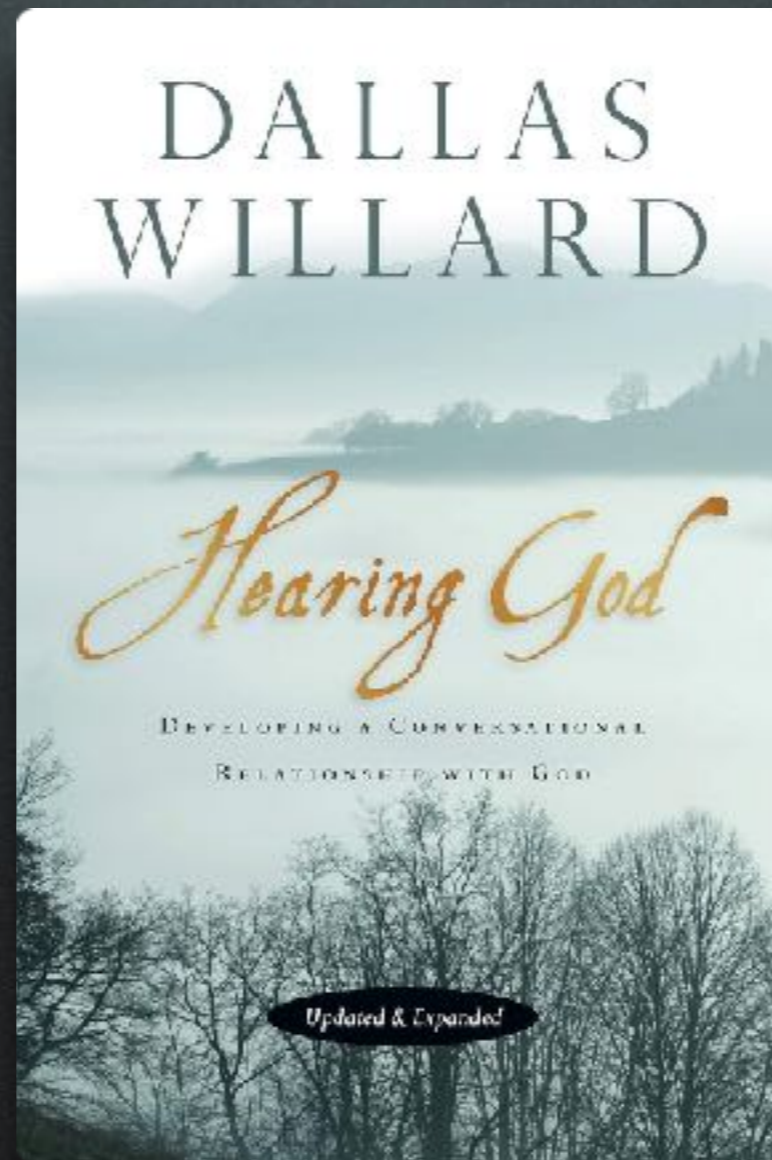


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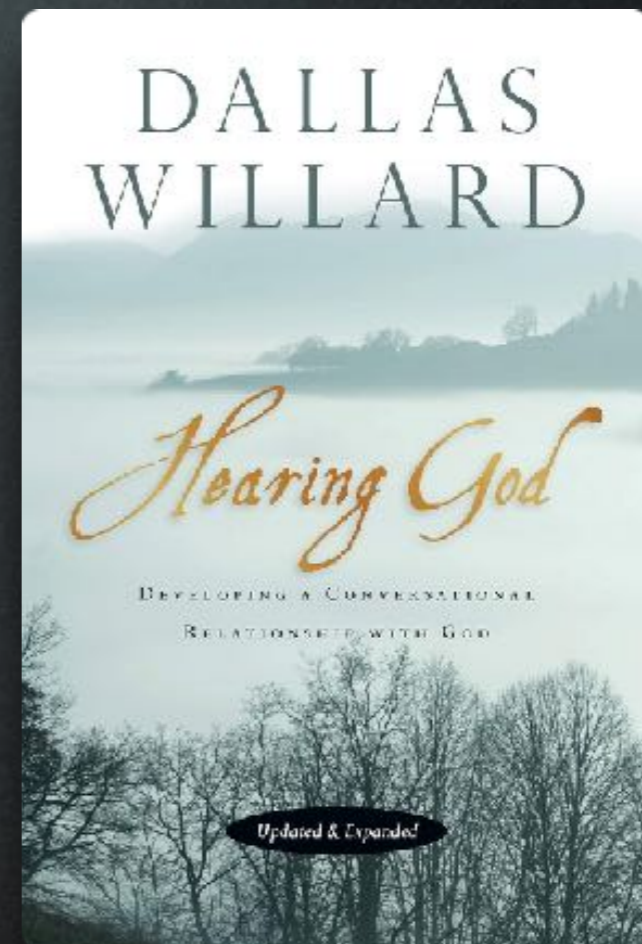
# HEARING GOD

Session 5 - “*Our Communicating Cosmos*” - Chapter 4



## **Session 4 Review**

As God's friends, we hear Him and work with Him in our temple through a collaborative effort in the concrete reality of our everyday life.



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## **The Limits of Signs**

Jesus refused to do religious stunts or signs.



“Neither will they be convinced if someone rises from the dead.” Luke 16:31

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## **Necessity of General Understanding of God**

Our understanding must grow *before* we can have any significant appreciation of what we are experiencing on occasions when God intervenes in our lives. (87)

\* Peter's Confession - Matthew 16:16-17

Two Key Questions:

Q1 — What kind of world do we live in?

Q2 — How does God relate to us, confined as we are within [our world]?



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## **A Common, Honest Response to “Hearing God”**

1. God would not communicate with run of the mill people
2. God does not communicate with them in that way
3. God cannot do so
4. God should not



*“My sheep hear My voice,  
and I know them,  
and they follow Me.”*

*John 10:27*

# HEARING GOD

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### **Four Truths of “Hearing God”**

I. God Would (89) - Jesus made it clear how accessible God is to the weak. - *“such as these” “poor in spirit”*

II. God Does (90) - Are we in tune, ready vessels to do business with God? - *“ears to hear” “Thy will be done”*

III. God Can (94) - Does God have to go through physical substance? - *“In Him all things hold together”*

IV. God Should (106) - Unity is the light of the world, the aim of all humanity - *“Lord, open his eyes that he may see”*

The traces of God have  
always been obvious to  
the earnest seeker of God.

(98)





## For the 21st Century Church to Hear God

“Would that all the Lord’s people are prophets and the Lord would put his Spirit upon them.” Numbers 11:29

Shepherds not Sheep Dogs  
Christlike not cultic  
As Jesus led and taught  
Keeping a balance

(106-112)



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## The Ministry of Elisha — II Kings 6:11-17

“Lord, open his eyes that he may see”

We need to have done for our understanding what Elisha did for his young assistant. (103)

Flashback to Chapter 1

## The Ministry of Eli — I Samuel 3:8-9

Dallas learned to wait upon “the Word of God” to come to him. When a certain something more was taking place...

Great Christians of the past gave further insight. (19)



## Flashback to Chapter 3

The union with God consists chiefly in a conversational relationship with God while we are consistently and deeply engaged as His friend and colaborer in the affairs of the Kingdom of the Heavens. (75 & 35)

His direct communication with us, by word and by shared activity, is the most important part. This is because we are to become the temple of God. (76)

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

God's Friends...for Good...as the Temple of God.

## Flashback to Chapter 3

We become so close to God we don't have to wait to hear His words. We don't have to be asked but are engaged in free-hearted collaboration with Jesus and His friends in the Kingdom.

(72)



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# Q&C

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Q&A

# Meditation – Lectio Divina #2 (103-104) II Kings 6:11-17

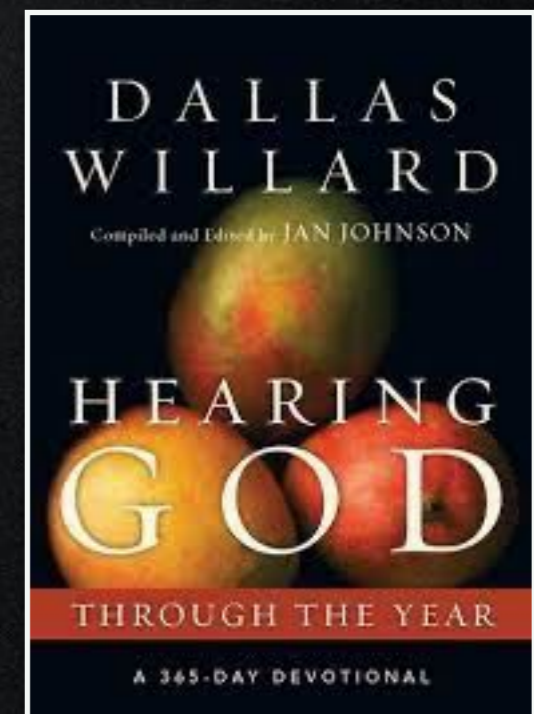
## Application

1.) “The human heart is largely dependent upon the head.”  
*Is it?* (101)

2.) What testimony(ies) inspire my faith?  
Do stories have limited ability for faith?

3.) Does Science make hearing God questionable?  
Is God in Google?

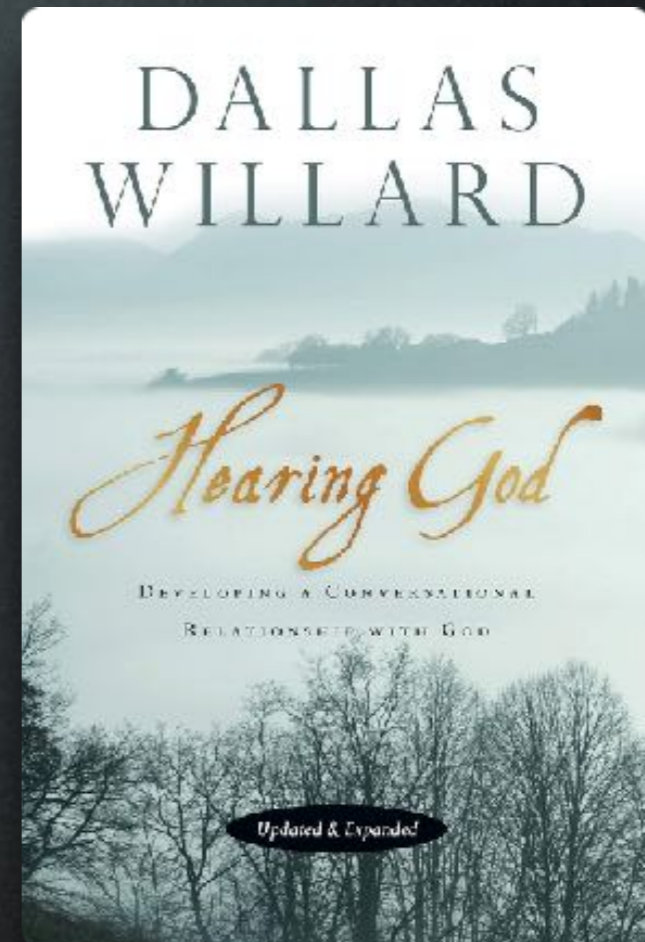
*Converse daily with God —>*

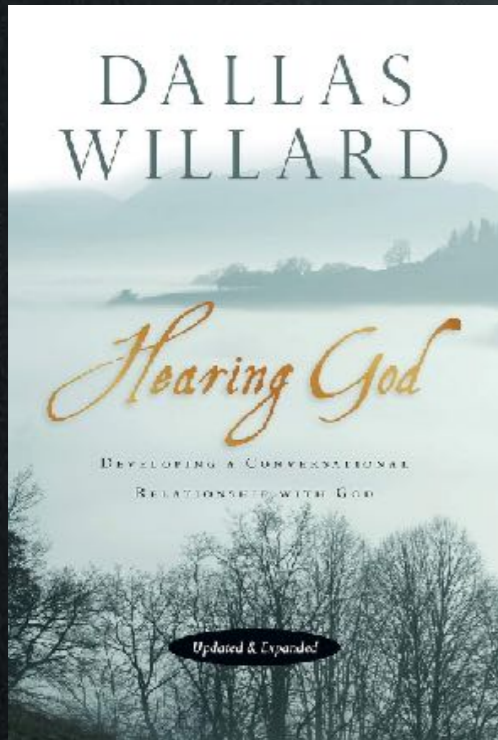


## Session 5 Summary

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)





## **Next — Session 6**

“The Still, Small Voice  
and Its Rivals”  
Chapter 5

Six Ways People in the Bible Heard from God



Two "Hearing God"  
Teachings by Dallas



Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel



#1 — St. Peter's Anglican Church  
4 Sessions + 11 highlight clips  
Birmingham, Alabama — August, 2011

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#2 — Renovare Institute  
4 Sessions — St. Malo, Colorado — March, 2011

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<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.

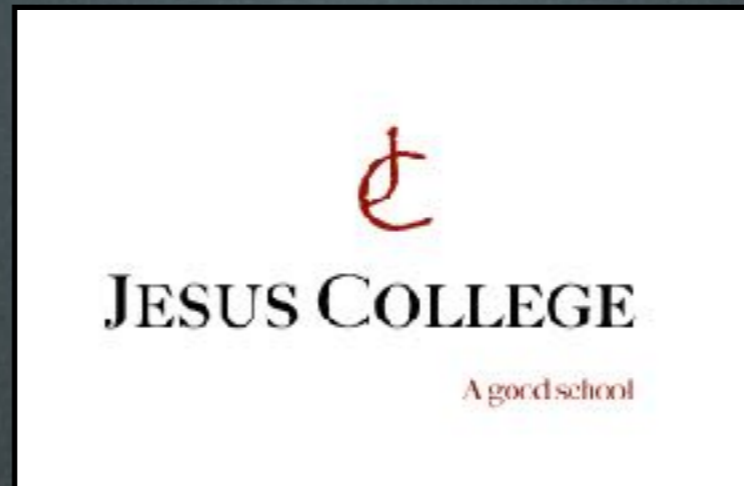
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