

## The Discipleship of a Man

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Prayer and Hearing From God

*“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**”*

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

## SUMMARY:

God wants to hear from us and He wants to speak to us on a one-to-one basis every day. He wants to take us step by step to the good things He has for us.

God wants to reach out to us every day, offering a lifetime partnership as we face life issues – major or small. The question I, “Are we listening?”

## NOTES:

We have to make a “**conscious**” effort to hear from Him!

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** How has God encouraged you to say “yes” to His ways?

**Discussion:**

- Why do you think God tells us some things that will come to pass and not all things? How does this develop in us hope, patience, and trust?
- Do you believe that God has a plan to prosper you, a plan to give you hope, and a plan to give you a future? If so, how does your life reflect this belief?
- What are the dangers in turning primarily to others to tell us what God is saying? What checks and balances do you have in place for discerning God’s voice?

## APPLICATION:

**To hear from God:**

1. We must have an open heart to develop a special sensitivity and receptiveness to the many different and often surprising ways God can answer our questions and give us direction in life.
2. Recognize where the thoughts, feelings, and desires come from - the words of other people, signs in the natural world, the Bible?
3. We need to arm ourselves against negative people, gossip, and some times even the ‘religious rituals’ that can distract us from hearing God’s Word.

**What steps do you need to personally take in the area of prayer?**

## ON YOUR OWN...

He will teach us all things - John 14:26

Our steps are ordered – Psalm 37:23

Be careful how you listen – Luke 18:8

He has made Himself known - Romans 1:19-21

We are accountable to God for our life - Romans 14:12