

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN THE BIBLE.

*The Daniel Prayer by Ann Graham Lotz.*

Set aside a place with a Bible, pen and a notepad.

1. Read God's Word

Ask God to lead you. "God, where do you want me to be in your Word". Do only a paragraph at a time with this plan. *Example: Jonah 2:1. "From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God."*

2. **FACTS.** What is this passage saying?

What stands out to you. Don't paraphrase or use your own words (we want God's words). *Example - Jonah Chapter 2: 1*

*Fact – Inside the fish Jonah prayed. Fact - The Lord His God*

3. **LESSON.** What does God's word mean?

To answer this we want to see what is the LESSON, or an example to follow from each fact. *Example - Fact – Inside the fish Jonah prayed. Lesson, if Jonah can pray in a fish, we can pray anywhere. Fact – The Lord His God. He had a relationship with God before this crisis. We need to establish a relationship with God before a crisis so that we can pray in confidence when we are in a crisis.*

4. **LISTEN.** What does God's Word mean in my life?

Take the lesson and put it in a form of a question. Make it personal? Open your spiritual eyes – God wants to speak to your heart. *Fact - Inside the fish Jonah prayed – And if I can pray anywhere...In what place do I think prayer is off limits? We can pray anywhere. So why wouldn't I pray in all circumstances?*  
*Fact - The Lord His God – Jonah had a relationship with God before the crisis. When did I establish a personal relationship God? How confident am I that He is mine in whatever situation I find myself?*

5. **APPLY & LIVE IT OUT.** How do we live it out? What is one take away to want to commit to applying to your life from this passage? Write it down, date it to keep yourself accountable.

*Example: Regardless of where I am or what I am going through I will pray with confidence that my God will hear and answer.*

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE THROUGH PRAYER

*Moving Mountains, John Eldridge,*

The Listening Prayer.

- Start with simple questions, yes or no if possible.
- Quiet yourself; pull away to a quiet place and shut out distractions.
- Repeat the question as you pray and listen – this helps dial you in and keeps you focused.
- Bring your heart into a place of surrender.
- If you are having a hard time hearing God's voice "try on" one answer then the other. Still in an atmosphere of prayer ask, "Are you saying yes? Pause, "Are you saying no?"
- Be still.....listening for that still small voice in our hearts.....

### THE POWER OF A WHISPER.

*Hearing God and Having the Guts to Respond. Bill Hybells*

- The Whispers
  - The Nudges
  - The Promptings
  - The Urgings
  - The Inspiration
- Keeping an ear toward heaven.

### THE FILTERS

- Ask God, Is this from you?
- Is it Scriptural?
- Is it Wise?
- Wiring Test
- Trusted Friend Test

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