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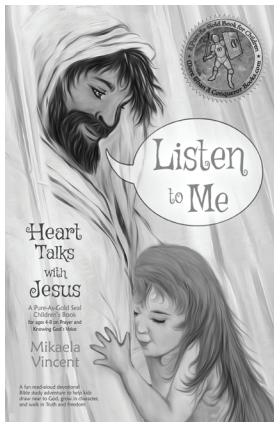
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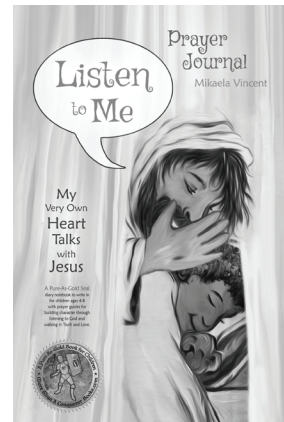
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Time for the One You Love

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But if you neglect to spend time with God, you'll be like a maid scurrying about trying to do what you think your Master wants without every communicating with him, rather than a loving wife who knows her Husband's heart and will intimately because she never leaves His side. Hosea 2:14-20, Luke 10:38-42.

Learn to Recognize God's Voice

John 10:27; Psalm 27

God is speaking all the time and in many different ways. Here are just a few the Bible mentions:

- The Word (Bible) (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Circumstances (2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Psalm 40:1-3)
- Others (1 Corinthians 2:4-13)
- His still small voice in your mind and heart (Psalm 42:8)
- Dreams and visions (Acts 2:17)
- Impressions or urgings (Acts 15:28)
- A sense of peace (Philippians 4:7)
- Signs and wonders (Acts 2:17-21)
- Nature (Psalm 125; 19:1-4)

The key to hearing God's voice is obedience. Each time you step out in faith to do what He's telling you to do, His voice gets louder. God loves to "whisper," so if we don't stay close to Him, we may miss what He's saying. James 4:8, 1 Kings 19:9-13.

If you find it hard to "hear" Him, then sin or wrong thought processes may be distracting you or blocking your spiritual ears from Truth. John 8:42-47. Be quick to repent of anything He shows you, and keep handing your thoughts back to Him. "God doesn't speak," or "I'll get back to that later; I'm busy now," are sure-fire ways to close the door in Jesus' face.

Here are some suggestions for when you're not sure you're hearing right:

1. Hand God what you're thinking and ask Him if it's from Him.
2. Run it through the Three-fold Sieve (facing page).

3. If you're still not sure, take a step of faith and say, "God, it feels like You're asking me to ..., so I'm headed that way. If that's not what You want me to do, then please make that clear."

God is for you. Any mistakes you make are not a failure, but an opportunity to grow. Ask Him what went wrong, learn what He's teaching you, and seek Him all the more. Jeremiah 29:11-13. Remember, *love is always what He asks you to do*. Matthew 22:37-40. So that's a great place to start. What's the most loving thing to do? *Do that*.

More important than how loudly you hear God's voice is the condition of your heart. Pride opens the door to the enemy and makes it easier to mistake his voice or your own for God's. But a humble heart is surrendered to God, and draws Him near. Numbers 12:3, Exodus 33:11, Proverbs 8:13, James 4:7-8.

So, lay down all your opinions and ideas at Jesus' feet and ask Him for His. If you can't hear Him straight away, just keep your questions open before Him and then go about your day. Like a treasure hunt, His answers can show up in unexpected places.

Every step you take in surrender, with your heart wide open to God to do anything He wants to do in you and through you, is a step deeper into oneness. And it's that oneness that gives you a front-row seat to His greatness, as you watch Him do powerful things you could never do on your own.

I want to be like a ring on Jesus' finger, just along for the ride and pointing to His beauty, as I watch Him do marvelous things all around me by His mighty hand.

Three-fold Sieve to make sure it's God's voice:

1. Does what you feel God saying line up with His Word — not just one portion, but all of it?
2. Does it line up with God's character — especially His love and grace? 1 John 4:16, Matthew 22:37-40.
3. Does it draw you/others closer to Him?

Now, let's get started! Praying for you, dear sister, that God will empower you this year beyond all you can think or ask. Ephesians 3:14-21.

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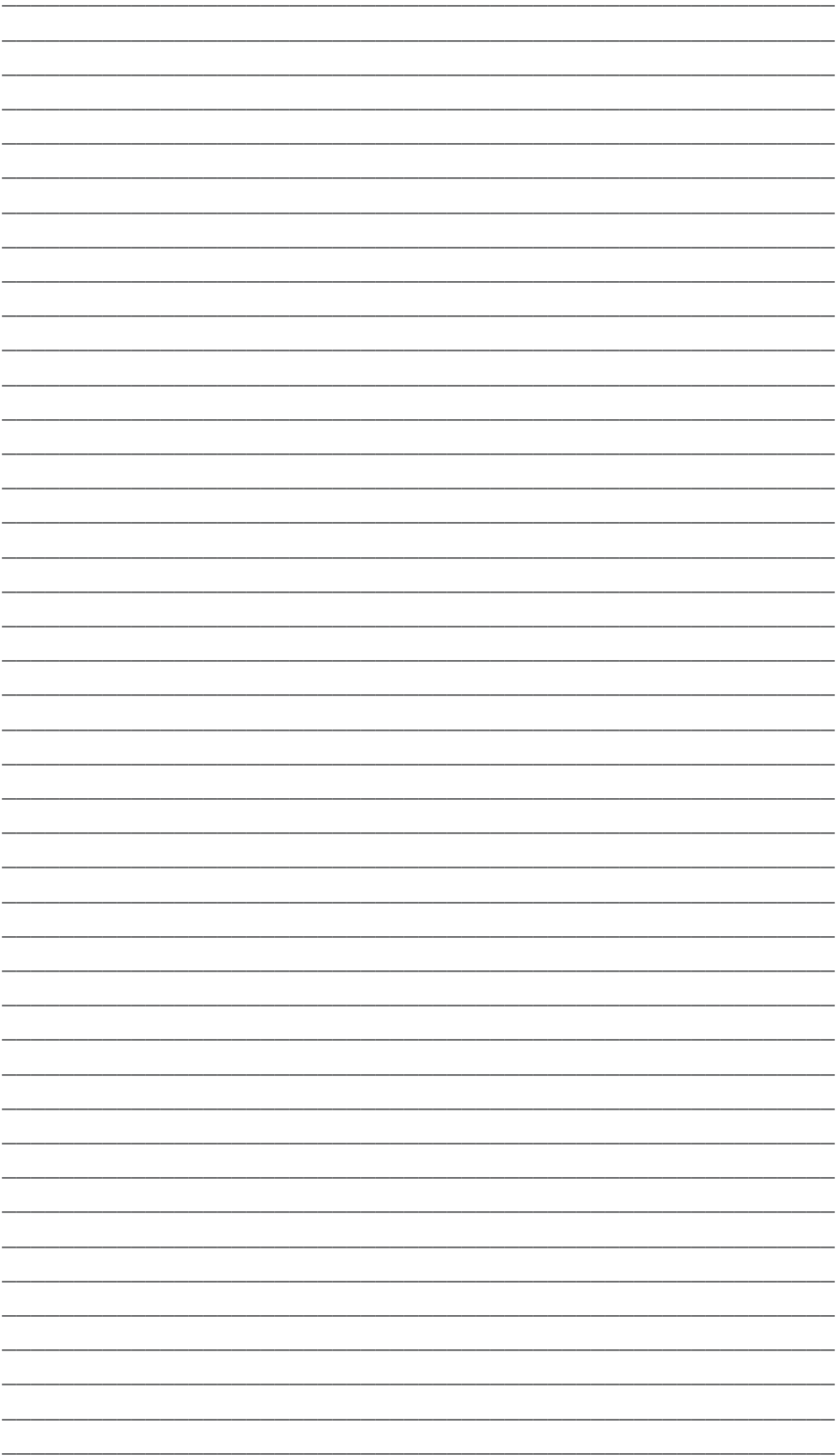
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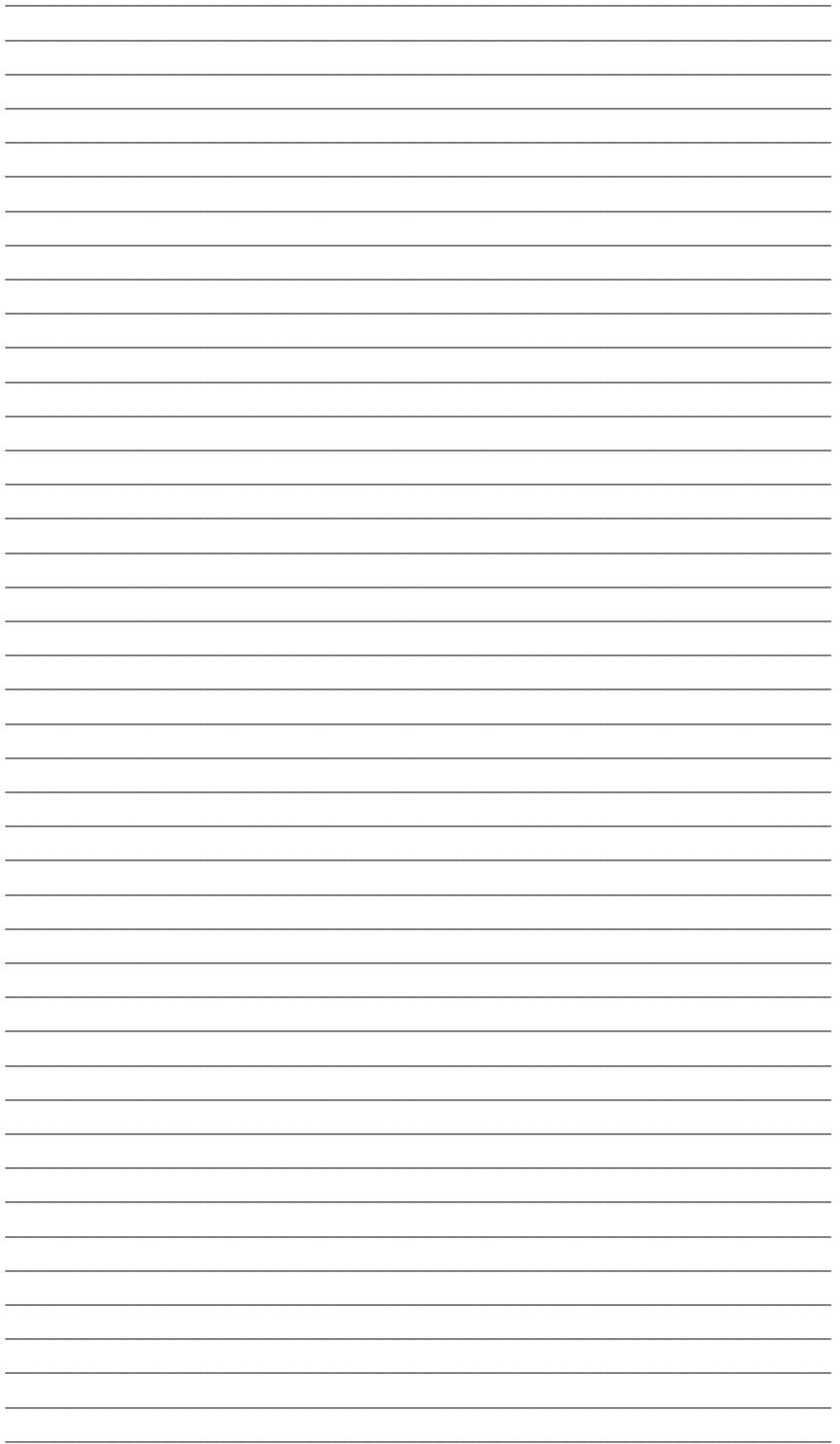
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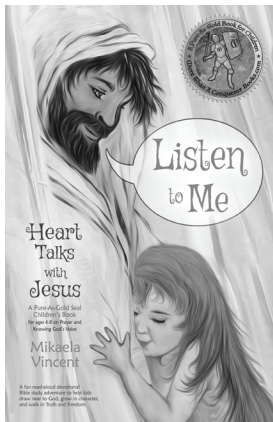
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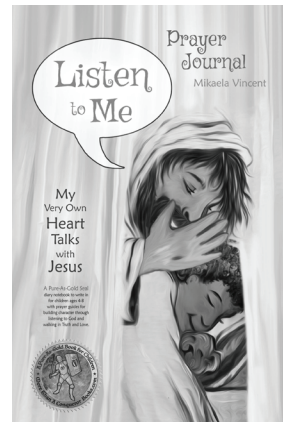
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But if you neglect to spend time with God, you'll be like a maid scurrying about trying to do what you think your Master wants without every communicating with him, rather than a loving wife who knows her Husband's heart and will intimately because she never leaves His side. Hosea 2:14-20, Luke 10:38-42.

Learn to Recognize God's Voice

John 10:27; Psalm 27

God is speaking all the time and in many different ways. Here are just a few the Bible mentions:

- The Word (Bible) (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Circumstances (2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Psalm 40:1-3)
- Others (1 Corinthians 2:4-13)
- His still small voice in your mind and heart (Psalm 42:8)
- Dreams and visions (Acts 2:17)
- Impressions or urgings (Acts 15:28)
- A sense of peace (Philippians 4:7)
- Signs and wonders (Acts 2:17-21)
- Nature (Psalm 125; 19:1-4)

The key to hearing God's voice is obedience. Each time you step out in faith to do what He's telling you to do, His voice gets louder. God loves to "whisper," so if we don't stay close to Him, we may miss what He's saying. James 4:8, 1 Kings 19:9-13.

If you find it hard to "hear" Him, then sin or wrong thought processes may be distracting you or blocking your spiritual ears from Truth. John 8:42-47. Be quick to repent of anything He shows you, and keep handing your thoughts back to Him. "God doesn't speak," or "I'll get back to that later; I'm busy now," are sure-fire ways to close the door in Jesus' face.

Here are some suggestions for when you're not sure you're hearing right:

1. Hand God what you're thinking and ask Him if it's from Him.
2. Run it through the Three-fold Sieve (facing page).

3. If you're still not sure, take a step of faith and say, "God, it feels like You're asking me to ..., so I'm headed that way. If that's not what You want me to do, then please make that clear."

God is for you. Any mistakes you make are not a failure, but an opportunity to grow. Ask Him what went wrong, learn what He's teaching you, and seek Him all the more. Jeremiah 29:11-13. Remember, *love is always what He asks you to do*. Matthew 22:37-40. So that's a great place to start. What's the most loving thing to do? *Do that*.

More important than how loudly you hear God's voice is the condition of your heart. Pride opens the door to the enemy and makes it easier to mistake his voice or your own for God's. But a humble heart is surrendered to God, and draws Him near. Numbers 12:3, Exodus 33:11, Proverbs 8:13, James 4:7-8.

So, lay down all your opinions and ideas at Jesus' feet and ask Him for His. If you can't hear Him straight away, just keep your questions open before Him and then go about your day. Like a treasure hunt, His answers can show up in unexpected places.

Every step you take in surrender, with your heart wide open to God to do anything He wants to do in you and through you, is a step deeper into oneness. And it's that oneness that gives you a front-row seat to His greatness, as you watch Him do powerful things you could never do on your own.

I want to be like a ring on Jesus' finger, just along for the ride and pointing to His beauty, as I watch Him do marvelous things all around me by His mighty hand.

Three-fold Sieve to make sure it's God's voice:

1. Does what you feel God saying line up with His Word — not just one portion, but all of it?
2. Does it line up with God's character — especially His love and grace? 1 John 4:16, Matthew 22:37-40.
3. Does it draw you/others closer to Him?

Now, let's get started! Praying for you, dear sister, that God will empower you this year beyond all you can think or ask. Ephesians 3:14-21.

(For your husband or other couples who are hungry for more of Christ's power in their lives and marriage, the men's version of *Delight to Be a Woman of Wonder* is *Dare to Be a Mighty Warrior*, which also has a *Prayer Journal* and *2023 Dare to Be a Mighty Warrior Power Planner*, at MoreThanAConquerorBooks.com.)

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