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*Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, **This is the way, walk in it.**" Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left. – Isaiah 30:21*

RECAP OF WEEK ONE AND DAYS 1-7

LISTENING TO GOD

I. The Primary Ways God Speaks Today

A. Listening to God Through the Bible

1. Matthew 5:17
2. God's Word is for all people because it speaks to the basic human condition.
3. The Bible addresses every _____, _____ relationship dynamic, problem of the _____, aspect of the _____, temptation or _____, heartache or _____, issues of _____, _____, or _____.

B. Seeking Answers in God's Word

1. Matthew 7:7
2. James 1:5-6
3. Don't fail to read God's Word daily.

C. Listening to the Holy Spirit

1. Matthew 6:13

2. Ask for Yes or No counsel
3. The Holy Spirit will remind you of what God has said and done for you in the past.
4. The Holy Spirit will give you the words to say, direction about where to go.
5. The Holy Spirit will guide your prayers.

II. How God Gets Our Attention

A. Restlessness of Spirit

1. Psalm 77:2-3.
2. What is the source of the psalmist's restless spirit in these verses?
3. What is the result of his restlessness?

B. Unanswered Prayer

1. Asking for the wrong reasons.
2. You may be in disobedience or rebellion.
3. You may be asking for something that is outside the will of God.
4. You may be in a state of unforgiveness with another person.

C. Paul and the thorn of the flesh.

1. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

III. The Hallmarks of God's Messages to Us

A. Consistency With the Bible

1. 2 Timothy 2:15-16

B. Conflict With Conventional Wisdom

1. Matthew 7:13-14

C. Clashes With Fleshly Lusts

1. 1 John 2:15-16

D. Challenge to Grow in Faith

1. Romans 12:3
2. Matther 17:20

E. The Call to Have Courage

1. Joshua 1:6-7, 9
2. Psalm 31:24

Prayers

Father, we ask You that teach us hope to hear Your voice through Your Word, through the Holy Spirit that dwells within us as believers, and through the words of other believers. We pray that this truth will transform our lives and

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that we will share this truth with others. We pray that You will use us, Lord, to speak Your words into the lives of others. We want to bring people to You.

Lord, thank You for never giving up on us. Thank You for continually working to get our attention and calling us to the right path to take – the path that leads to Your blessings. We thank You for Your patience and for bearing with us when we choose to go our own way and do our own thing. Thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who always correctly interprets what You have to say into our own spirit, so that we can be drawn back into fellowship with You.

Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for being so good to us. How often we have been passive when we should have been bold listeners. We pray that the Holy Spirit, who is living within us, would remind us that You are God. We pray that we would continue to seek to know Your voice. And we pray that You would continue to help us see the hallmarks of Your messages so we know the direction we receive is from You on the path we should take.