



“Small Changes, Big Results” Series

Part 5: From Monologue to Dialogue

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” Mark 1:35 (NIV)

Prayer is Two Acts of Faith:

1. _____.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” 1 John 5:14 (NIV)

Obstacles to Answered Prayer:

A. _____.

B. _____.

“... Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it. 3 And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong— you want only what will give you pleasure.” James 4:2-3 (NLT)

C. _____.

“If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened...” Psalm 66:18 (NIV)

“Lord, I know that people’s lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps.” Jeremiah 10:23 (NIV)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones..” Proverbs 3:5-8 (NKJV)

2. _____.

“ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. 5 They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.” John 10:3-6 (NLT)

“This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, ‘When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. 15 For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.’” Matthew 13:14-15 (NLT)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:10-13 (NIV)

“7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. . . . 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. 14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.” John 16:7, 13-14 (NLT)

Primary ways that God speaks to us:

1. _____ . (2 Peter 1:20-21) (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2. _____ . (Ezra 1:1-4; 5:13-16) (Numbers 22)

3. _____ . (Amos 4:13)

4. _____ . (Jonah)

5. _____ . (Acts 2:17)

Learning to Listen To God:

1. Identify the _____.

2. Compare to _____.

3. Take _____.