
Subject: Prayer to hear God's voice
Posted by [Trust](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2018 04:52:43 GMT
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Hello everyone,

I hope my prayer request makes sense.

Of late, I have had such a thirst to be able to hear God the way that the faithful people in the Bible did. I have a strong feeling that the Lord wants to use me to do great things for his kingdom but I have never been able to get as close to him as I feel I should. This is not the first time that I am getting this feeling however, there is something different. The feeling is stronger and more urgent yet something keeps blocking me from having complete faith in God and in his word. Everytime I get this feeling and start digging deeper into God's word and trusting him more, everything around me starts becoming strained. I become easily irritated and impatient and this affects my interactions with everyone around me. Usually, I slowly go back to my old ways but this time around, I am convinced that I may not have another chance to accept the Lord fully into my life so that he can use me.

I just need someone to pray for me that I may understand what the Lord wants, that I may be strong and trust him wholly, that I may be used by God to do his work, and most importantly, that I may hear the Lord speak to me as I am really longing to hear his voice.

Thank you and may God bless you

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I found these inspiring words from the SOP on how God reveals His will to us as and how to know His voice as well as how to deal with feelings.

"There are three ways in which the Lord reveals His will to us, to guide us, and to fit us to guide others. How may we know His voice from that of a stranger? How shall we distinguish it from the voice of a false shepherd?

God reveals His will to us in His word, the Holy Scriptures.

His voice is also revealed in His providential workings; and it will be recognized if we do not separate our souls from Him by walking in our own ways, doing according to our own wills, and following the promptings of an unsanctified heart, until the senses have become so confused that eternal things are not discerned, and the voice of Satan is so disguised that it is accepted as the voice of God.

Another way in which God's voice is heard is through the appeals of His Holy Spirit, making impressions upon the heart, which will be wrought out in the character.

If you are in doubt upon any subject you must first consult the Scriptures. If you have truly begun the life of faith you have given yourself to the Lord to be wholly His, and He has taken you to mold and fashion according to His purpose, that you may be a vessel unto honor. You should have an earnest desire to be pliable in His hands and to follow whithersoever He may lead you. You are then trusting Him to work out His designs, while at the same time you are co-operating with Him by working out your own salvation with fear and trembling." 5T 512

Below quote talks about on feelings not a safe criterion...

"Many make a serious mistake in their religious life by keeping the attention fixed upon their feelings and thus judging of their advancement or decline. Feelings are not a safe criterion. We are not to look within for evidence of our acceptance with God. We shall find there nothing but that which will discourage us. Our only hope is in "looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." There is everything in Him to inspire with hope, with faith, and with courage. He is our righteousness, our consolation and rejoicing. {5T 199.5}

"Those who look within for comfort will become weary and disappointed. A sense of our weakness and unworthiness should lead us with humility of heart to plead the atoning sacrifice of Christ. As we rely upon His merits we shall find rest and peace and joy. He saves to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. {5T 200.1}

"We need to trust in Jesus daily, hourly. He has promised that as our day is, our strength shall be. By His grace we may bear all the burdens of the present and perform its duties. But many are weighed down by the anticipation of future troubles. They are constantly seeking to bring tomorrow's burdens into today. Thus a large share of all their trials are imaginary. For these, Jesus has made no provision. He promises grace only for the day. He bids us not to burden ourselves with the cares and troubles of tomorrow; for "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." {5T 200.2}

Hope this helps and also know that we are praying for you, Trust! :)