

DISCOVERING GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE

Hearing God's Voice – Part 3 of 3

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I will stand like a guard and watch. I will wait to see what the LORD will say to me. I will wait and learn how he answers my questions. The LORD answered me, "Write down what I show you. Write it clearly on a sign so that the message will be easy to read. This message is about a special time in the future...and it will come true. Just be patient and wait for it. That time will come; it will not be late. This message cannot help those who refuse to listen to it." – Habakkuk 2:1-4 ERV

1. Want it: The first step is desire.

I want to hear what God the LORD says.... – Psalm 85:8 GW

My God, I want to do what you want. – Psalm 40:8a NCV

...you will look for the LORD your God. And if you look for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him. – Deut. 4:29 ERV

2. Withdraw: Get alone with God.

I will climb up into my watchtower.... – Hab. 2:1 NLT

...Jesus often slipped away to be alone so he could pray. – Luke 5:16 NCV

"Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace." – Matt. 6:6 MSG

REMEMBER: God wants to meet with me!

3. Wait: Be patient as you wait for God to speak.

I will wait.... – Hab. 2:1 NLT

I will stand at my guard post and station myself.... -- Hab. 2:1 HCSB

"Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10 NIV

➤ Wait quietly

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. – Psalm 62:5 NLT

➤ Wait patiently

Be still in the presence of the LORD and wait patiently for him to act. – Psalm 37:7 ERV

➤ Wait expectantly

I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for he has promised. – Psalm 105:5 LB

4. Watch: Listen with both the "eyes and ears" of your mind.

I will look to see what he will say to me.... – Hab. 2:1c NIV

Still, when I tried to figure it out, all I got was a splitting headache...until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture. – Psalm 73:16-17 MSG

- Ask God a specific question.

If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him. ...but when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to tell you.... – James 1:5-6 LB

- Look in God's Word for any relevant answers.

Open my eyes so that I can see the wonderful things in your teachings. – Psalm 119:18 ERV

5. Write it down: Record what God shows you.

The LORD answered me, "Write down what I show you. Write it clearly...." – Hab. 2:2 ERV

Write these things for the future so that people who are not yet born will praise the LORD. – Psalm 102:18 NCV