



Listen and Learn #3 :: Listen Up {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

Isn't it odd that we even have to talk about listening to God? If you believe that God created everything, then you have to believe that God created communication, which would lead to the assumption that God is the best communicator. So, why is it sometimes so hard to hear him speak? What if the issue isn't whether or not God is speaking, but whether or not you are in the right position to hear him?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Most people agree that God speaks in several ways. What are some of these ways? Do you hear God more clearly in one of those ways than the others?
2. Read Ezekiel 12:2. In this passage, God is speaking to the prophet Ezekiel. Jesus would sometimes quote this passage after giving a sermon. What does this passage have to do with being in position to hear God?
3. What does it mean to have your "back turned to God" in an area of your life? How does this explain why brokenness is often the precursor to hearing God?
4. Read Matthew 6:8-10. What does this passage on prayer have to do with whether or not we hear God?
5. Oftentimes, we go to God for advice in a *particular area* of our lives without opening up our *entire lives* to him. Why, even though we are turning to God, do we sometimes not hear him when we approach him like this?
6. Read Psalm 46:10. What does this passage have to do with hearing God?

MOVING FORWARD

The 'King' reserves the right to speak only when we are in a position to listen. What is keeping you from being in that position? What are you clinging to that is keeping you from hearing him? Is it really worth missing the voice of God?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.
Ezekiel 12:2