

**Frequency
My Friend
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John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

What to understand about hearing the voice of God?

- ✓ We are not mechanical.

Genesis 18:17-33 Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." The men turned away and went toward Sodom, **but Abraham remained standing before the Lord**. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city?...What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." When the Lord had **finished speaking with Abraham**, he left, and Abraham returned home.

- ✓ We are people.

John 16:12-13 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- ✓ We have the opportunity to be God's Friend.

Exodus 33:11 Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

James 2:23 And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God.

Zechariah 13:6 And if someone asks, 'Then what about those wounds on your chest?' he will say, 'I was wounded at my friends' house!'

Matthew 26:48-50 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss." So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for."

How can I work on my friendship with God?

1. Set an appointment.

2. Be still and worship.

Psalms 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.

Exodus 14:13 But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again

2 Chronicles 20:17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.

3. Pray and read.

Mark 1:35 Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

Psalms 119:147 I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words.

4. Listen and write.

Walk Away: God has called you His friend.