



# UNMUTE

## Learning to Hear the Voice of God

### UNMUTE, PART 5: WHAT GOD WANTS ME TO DO

What does God want me to do with my life? Should I take this job? Pursue this relationship? Make this career choice? For the Jesus follower, we don't want to miss God's will for our life. Today, we're going to look at two short verses that help us determine not only how to hear God's voice, but how we can know what He wants us to do with our lives.

**BIG IDEA:** Right thinking over time leads to a changed life.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What has been your biggest takeaway from the *Unmute* series so far? Do you feel like you are able to hear God's voice better through what you have learned?
2. For Jesus followers, we don't want to miss what God wants us to do and become. Many call this the will of God. Watch the video *What is God's Will for My Life @Real Truth, Real Quick* before digging into the questions to give you some context.
3. Have different people read out loud Romans 12:1-2 from the following translations:



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc2bhyG4l2M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc2bhyG4l2M)

*<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*  
*Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*  
*Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)*

*<sup>1</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. <sup>2</sup> Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*  
*Romans 12:1-2 (Message)*

*<sup>1</sup> With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. <sup>2</sup> Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.*  
*Romans 12:1-2 (Phillips)*



4. What stood out to you after reading this same passage from 4 different translations? What is similar? What is different?
5. Chris said that for us to unmute God's voice and to know what He wants us to do, the first thing we need to do is *be in a relationship with other believers, because you become like those you hang out with*. How have you seen this play out in your children's lives? In your life? Are you currently and consistently spending time with people who are in love with God and pursuing God?
6. Number two, Chris said that for us to unmute God's voice and to know what He wants us to do, we need to do is *say, "Yes" to God and surrender to Him*.

*The Jewish religion sacrificed lots and lots of animals. It was very, very bloody. Those are dead sacrifices. Paul writes, "I want you to be a living sacrifice." He is talking about your behavior. I want you to surrender your behavior to God."*

7. Why is it so difficult to surrender? How is surrendering like giving God a blank check?
8. How does Romans 12:1 shed light on what true worship looks like?

*We think of worship as something we do on a Sunday morning. When we sing a song. When we lift our hands. When we go to church. But that isn't worship. Worship is taking your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and living that life for God.*

9. Chris said that for us to unmute God's voice and to know what He wants us to do, we need *not conform and be like everybody else*. How does the world squeeze you into its mold? What pressure points seem strongest to you right now? What is one area of your life where you need to stop conforming to the pattern of this world?
10. As a teenager, how did the pressure from your friends affect the way you dressed? Where you hung out? How you talked? Does peer pressure end when you become an adult? Do you think peer pressure is more difficult for teenagers today? Why or why not?
11. Last, Chris said that for us to unmute God's voice and to know what He wants us to do, we need *transform your thinking*.
12. What is one thing you can do this week to begin to renew your mind? What is one area of your life where you're trying to put on the new without first taking off the old? What is one thing you can do this week to begin to renew your mind in this area? What can this group do to support you?
13. What God wants for you can be characterized as "good, pleasing, and perfect." Do those 3 characteristics strike you as odd? Why or why not?

## MOVING FORWARD

As a first step toward changing your thinking, would you commit to memorizing Romans 12:1-2 this week? Start renewing your mind and meditating on just these 2 verses. Chose any of the translations above and commit them to memory.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

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