

Can You Hear Me Now?

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John 15:15 NKJV

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Revelation always creates intimacy. From the Garden of Eden the Father looked forward to His evening walks and talks with Adam and Eve. Why? He was building relationship.

When Adam and Eve sinned, they changed; not God. They hid themselves for shame of disappointment and fear of judgment. The Father drew near, and covered their shame.

Well you may say, 'But God hides Himself from us.'

Isaiah 45:15 NKJV

Truly You *are* God, who hide Yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior!

God does not hide Himself *from* us, but *for* us!

He is our treasure. Casual seekers will not find him.

He is not common and worthless like dirt; He's a valuable diamond that must be dug for.

Luke 24:15,16 NKJV

So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

Luke 24:25-27,31 NKJV

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself... ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

1. Jesus Hides Himself So We Would Discover Him in the Scriptures and Not in the Sensational

Luke 24:32 NKJV

And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

To finish your course, experience Him on a deeper level.
He hides Himself so we go deeper.

He may be a God who hides, but He isn't absent.

Heaven may not answer, but is not deaf.

We walk by faith not by sight! The Word is enough!

2. God Speaks His Life into You Through His Word

2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God formed Adam from mud and then breathed into him and became alive.

That same life giving breath is in His Word. His word makes you alive!

John 14:21 NKJV

²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

John 14:26 NKJV

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Holy Spirit reminds and reveals through the Word. How can He remind you of the Word if you don't read it?

3. The Word is Your Meal Not Your Menu

Cheesecake Factory menu 250+ items

John 5:37-40 NKJV

³⁷ And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. ³⁸ But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

Approach God's Word with anticipation to hear from Him.
Taste and see the Lord is Good!
Experience precedes understanding.

Matthew 22:29 NKJV

Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God."

John 10:2-5, 14,15 NKJV

² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

Hearing God Through His Word

Habakkuk 2:1,2 NKJV

¹ I will stand my watch

And set myself on the rampart,

And watch to see what He will say to me,

And what I will answer when I am corrected.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

“Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.

1. Set a Place

2. Still Your Soul

Psalm 46:10 NKJV

Be still, and know that I *am* God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalm 62:5 NIV

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

3. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

4. Follow Spontaneity

5. Write it Down