

Blockages to Hearing

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4 Fine-tuning Dials to help us zero-in on His Voice

- Lack of faith is the #1 reason why most Christians do not hear God's voice.
- When I come to Him in doubt, I receive nothing.

• James 1:6-9 – The one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Mustard Seed Faith

- It germinates and grows rapidly.
- It has many uses and the whole plant is used.
- It cannot be hybridized with any other seed.

 Heb. 11:6 – He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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- Sometimes your mind is filled with guilt from an unconfessed sin.
- 1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God.

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• 1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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In order for us to have an ongoing, intimate relationship with Jesus, we must stop focusing on our ugly shell, and start focusing on our lovely Lord. If I keep looking at myself, I will never get to Christ. But if I look at Jesus, He draws me to himself. He said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to Myself." By lifting up Christ in our thoughts, His love draws us through the veil to where we can speak with Him face to face, as a man talks with his closest friend.

3. Let us draw near...having our body washed with pure water.

- Eph. 5:25-26 Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.
- We must let those words cleanse us, by applying and walking out what He says to us.

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- God has nothing more to say to me until I obey the last word He gave me.
- He's not interested in how many hours we spend with Him, if we only <u>hear</u> and don't <u>obey</u>.

4. Let us draw near...with a sincere heart.

- Our hearts must be true when we come to God.
- Rom. 12:9 Your love must be sincere.
- Ps. 62:8 Trust in Him at all times; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

Recap

- Full assurance of faith
- A heart with a clean conscience
- A body washed with pure water
- A sincere heart

