

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: I'm Glad You Asked
Message: If God is Real, Why Does He Seem Distant?
Speaker: Yayo Espinosa
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Take some time to read this passage we focused on this week. Underline the words and phrases that stand out to you.

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

God is not distant; our sins distance us from God.

What specific actions or behaviors are considered sins that distance you from God?

What steps can you take daily to avoid actions that distance yourself from God?

We can hear God's voice when we read the Bible.

How can you create an environment conducive to reading the Bible and hearing God's voice?

Take some time to read another passage we focused on this week. Underline the words and phrases that stand out to you as you read.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27 (NLT)

What are some practical steps you can take to deepen your relationship with Jesus so you can hear His voice better?

What are some examples from your life where you clearly heard Jesus' voice and followed it?

How does this verse encourage us to trust and obey Jesus in your everyday decisions?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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³ Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?"... ¹¹ Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and my God!

Psalm 42:3,11 (NLT)

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But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

There are times when it may seem that God is silent, but God is never silent.

We can hear God's voice when we read the Bible.

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

God is available.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

Just because we feel like God is far away doesn't mean He is.

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (NLT)