

# Discernment

## The call to follow Jesus

Faith in the midst of silence

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### When God seems silent:

What to do if you can't hear  
God speak?

#### ➤ **Examine your Life: OBSTACLES**

##### • Unconfessed Sin

*"Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me. For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."*  
Psalm 66:16-18

##### • Unbelief - "God couldn't, wouldn't, doesn't"

*"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for 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,"*  
James 1:5-7

##### • Selfish Motives

*"You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, so that you may spend what you request on your pleasures."*  
James 4:3

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*  
1 John 5:14

##### • Disobedience

*"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?"* Luke 6:46

##### • Repentance, Lordship, & the presence of the Holy Spirit

*"...you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit..."*  
Ephesians 1:13

*"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,"*  
Ephesians 5:15-18

#### ➤ **Invite God's Presence & Lordship – (renew & align if needed)**

#### ➤ **Read the Word more and obey what God has already said**

- Accept God's Word as your authority – 2 Timothy 3:16
- Continue to move towards what you know is right

#### ➤ **Remember what God has done in the past – Give Thanks**

#### ➤ **Seek Godly counsel & prayer**

#### ➤ **Recognize That Silence Can Be Intimate, build trust.**

#### ➤ **Remember God is still close; Be Real & Keep Talking to Him**

*"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief."*  
Psalm 22:1-2