## Blocks to Hearing

Start with prayer: Pray to the Father and ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit to be with you as you consider the following questions. Thank Him for the blessings you are about to receive. Ask for His help. End your prayer "in Jesus name."

#### Jer 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jer 29:11

Read the Word: Look up and prayerfully read this scripture. Take your time and allow God's Word to soak into your heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to minister meaning to this Word from God, your Father, to you. You have spoken to Him through your prayer; now allow Him to speak to you through this scripture.

Commit this passage to memory this week. Your packet will have a business size card with this scripture written on it. Carry it with you and read it through out the day. Make sure to look this up in your Bible so that you will know where it is located.

If you are using a color-coding system to mark your Bible, use Brown to mark this passage. Brown = Word, God speaking.

1 Jn 3:1

Is 30:21

#### **Principles for Hearing:**

1) God is my Father

2) My Father has a plan for my life Jer 29:11

3) My Father wants to make known the plan for my life.

#### **Lectio Divina**

Lectio to read
Mediatio to meditate
Oratio to pray/speak
Contemplatio to contemplate

# Reflection

As you read *Jer 29:11 what* does the Holy Spirit speak to your heart (be aware of thoughts and feelings)? Use *Lectio Divina*.

### **Blocks to Hearing the Voice of God**

- \* Lack of faith that God would speak to you.
- \* Lack of formation as to how to hear from God.
- \* Lack of experience.
- \* Not taking the time to hear from God.
- \* Fear of what God might say.
- \* Not acting on a previous word from God.
- \* Sin on your soul.
- \* Not asking for the grace to hear His voice.
- \* Devotional busyness.
- \* The enemy.

Bring these blocks before the Holy Spirit and ask Him if any of these are effecting your being able to hear the voice of God, your Father. Let the Holy Spirit lead you as to Letter Writing or the 4 Keys to Hearing the Voice of God.