

WEEK ONE

- Prayer still matters.
- Stillness is still essential.
- Time spent in God's Word is still the only way to renew your mind.
- Faith is still the shield that extinguishes the flaming missiles of the evil one.
- Jesus is still the only mediator between God and man.

Obedience is not only the appropriate response to hearing God, but it is also the key that unlocks all the blessings God has for us and opens up the line of communication between us and Him in the first place.

It's possible to be a functional leper.

1. It's too simple to be supernatural.

Ordinary is the disguise of the divine.

2. It's too small to be big.

Sometimes the biggest moves of God are wrapped up in the smallest assignments of obedience.

3. It's too dirty to be clean.

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WEEK TWO

“This is My beloved Son . . . listen to Him!” **MATTHEW 17:5**

The Holy Spirit is the primary way that you hear from God.

The Holy Spirit is your seal.

“If the sin of Old Testament times was the rejection of God the Father, and the sin of New Testament times was the rejection of God the Son, then the sin of our times is the rejection of God the Holy Spirit.”¹

STEPHEN AND DAVID OLFORD

The Holy Spirit is your pledge.

Every human being—saved or unsaved—is made up of three parts—Body, Soul, and Spirit.

If the Holy Spirit lives in you, you haven’t been changed, you have been exchanged.

Relationship is the prerequisite for recognition of God’s voice.

A “red light” of conviction is His way of saying “STOP.”

The “yellow light” of dis-ease means “WAIT.”

A “green light” of ease and peace is His way of saying “GO.”

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WEEK THREE

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.” **JOHN 16:13**

The Greek word for guide means to lead someone who is already on one's way. Or, a person who advises, points out, and shows others the way.¹

1. He guides you progressively.

“. . . so that we may know the things freely given to us by God . . .” **1 CORINTHIANS 2:12**

If He gives us too much, we'll either rush impatiently toward it, or we'll be so intimidated by His assignment that we will recoil from it and run in the opposite direction.

2. He guides you personally.

3. He guides you internally.

There is an internal layer of truth that we do not have access to in our own human wisdom.

Strongholds stand against the knowledge of God.

WEEK FOUR

"With my whole heart have I sought You, inquiring for and of You and yearning for You; oh, let me not wander or step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from Your commandments." **PSALM 119:10, AMPCE**

To Hear God: Refocus

"Whoever seeks God as a means toward desired ends will not find God. The mighty God, the maker of heaven and earth, will not be one of many treasures, not even the chief of all treasures. He will be all in all or He will be nothing."¹ **A. W. TOZER**

To Hear God: Relax

It is our responsibility to get to know God. It is His responsibility to keep us from wandering astray.

It is God's responsibility to cause you to hear and recognize His voice.

WEEK FIVE

Principle #1—God *manifests His presence* in the desert.

Bushes don't burn in *palaces*. They burn in deserts.

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain."¹ **C. S. LEWIS**

The key to seeing God's plan while in the desert is to take your attention off of the *circumstances* and place them on God's presence in the circumstances.

Principle #2—God *equips you* for His purposes in the desert.

He's giving you the *character*, the substance, the *fortification*, the foundational work that will be necessary for Him to accomplish His work through you.

Principle #3—God *recharts* your *course* in the desert.

WEEK SIX

The one thing is relationship with Jesus Christ.

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me ...”

JOHN 10:27

1. *The Relationship—My sheep*

When you become a believer, you become a part of the family of God.

“Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God’s own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God’s [own] household.”

EPHESIANS 2:19 (AMPCE)

2. *The Result—Hear My voice*

Expect God to speak.

Delays and detours are divine interruptions.

3. *The Reason—I know them*

“When I talk, nothing happens; when God talks, the universe comes into existence.”¹ **BOB SORGE**

4. *The Response—They follow Me*

He is your great Shepherd. (Heb. 13:20)