

Sunday, October 2, 2022
RECEIVING GUIDANCE FROM GOD
Learning to Hear God's Voice
Habakkuk 2:1-2

Adapted from Rick Warren 'Learning to Hear God's Voice'

➤ **HOW TO REQUEST GUIDANCE**

1. Believe God Knows & Cares About Your Needs

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat. . . or drink. . . or wear?' . . . your heavenly Father knows that you need them." Mat. 6:31-32 (NIV)

2. Ask God for Specific Guidance & Wisdom

"If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you." James 1:5 (TLB)

3. Expect God to Hear & Answer Your Prayers
(according to His will)

"... God is always ready to give bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; He will not resent it. But when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to tell you..." James 1:5b-6 (TLB)

➤ **HOW TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM GOD**

Habakkuk 2:1-2... *"I will climb my watchtower and wait to see what the Lord will tell me to say and what answer He will give to my complaint. The Lord gave*

me this answer: 'Write down clearly on tablets what I reveal to you, so that it can be read at a glance.'" Chapter 3:2... LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

1. WITHDRAW: Get alone in a quiet place

"I will climb my watchtower..." Habakkuk 2:1 (TEV)
"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." Luke 5:16

2. WAIT: Calm your thoughts and emotions

". . . and wait to see what the Lord will tell me. . ."
Hab. 2:1
"Be still, and know that I am God" Ps. 46:10 (NIV)
"LORD . . . Every morning, I tell you what I need, and I wait for your answer." Ps. 5:3

3. WATCH: Let God give you a mental picture

"I will look to see what He will say to me." Hab 2:1 (NIV)

4. WRITE: Record the ideas you receive

"The Lord gave me this answer, 'Write down clearly. . . what I reveal to you.'" Hab. 2:2 (TEV)

5. WORSHIP: Thank God for speaking to you.

"O Lord, now I have heard your report, and I worship you in awe. . ." Hab. 3:2 (TLB)