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What God May Say - Two-way Prayer

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for your words. (Psalm 119:147, NASB)

I know I can talk with God. That is called prayer. But do I fully understand that He can also communicate with me? Yes, He can. It is called a relationship.

A true relationship can only be built by both talking and listening. When we hear correctly, we respond in a way that builds that relationship. Our conversation with God is vitally important in constructing our walk with God.

He is, indeed, a great listener. Can you imagine the Creator of the universe loving this dialogue with us? He died for us, so why would He not want to talk with us?

The two-way prayer concept is very easy and forthright. Instead of just dumping our spreadsheet of prayer requests on God and wearing him out by telling him what we need, why don't we show up and ask God what we need and then quietly listen to His response?

He will speak, not audibly, but he speaks to our conscience through Holy Spirit and by using people and events in our life to communicate.

This is not magic! It is a spiritual message born in the silence of meditating on Scripture and waiting for him in prayer. These moments become a tool that helps us fall in love with God more.

God kept telling me the same thing many times and in different ways. Repetition means emphasis, and maybe God knows I am a slow learner.

He is very patient and gives me multiple chances not just to hear but also enables me to follow through with my response. I have seen the answers to journaled prayers and petitions in countless ways. I have also been told to be patient with my unanswered prayers.

Maybe you already have a method to hear from God and understand what road to take. If not, try this for a week and see where it leads. It could change your life.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I love the truth that you are still with us and communicate in various ways.

READING - Psalm 119:147; Jeremiah 33:1-3; Mark 4:21-25.

OPENING QUESTIONS: Opening question: Do you have any disciplines that have become habits?

1. Psalm 119:147 states that we cry for help. How often do you wait for His words and His response?

2. Jeremiah 33:3 instructs us to call out to God. It also says in the same sentence that God will answer our call. a) What is the next step after you call out to God? b) Are you ready and willing to respond to what He may say?

3. Michael Card said, "And if God is speaking, then nothing else matters but listening." Read Mark 4:21-25. Do we believe that God wants to reveal Himself to us? Why do you believe this is true?
