

# Finding Guidance for Personal Decisions

## RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE

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*Your ear shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.*  
— Isaiah 30:21

*I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it."*  
— Habakkuk 2:1-2

## THREE BELIEFS THAT ENHANCE HEARING FROM GOD

1. Believe that God cares about every detail of your life (Matt. 6:31-32; Ps. 103:13).
2. Believe God answers specific requests (James 1:5; Matt. 7:7-8; Is. 58:11 James 1:5).
3. Believe the Holy Spirit will help and guide you in prayer (John 16:7; Rom. 8:26).

## FIVE PRACTICAL STEPS IN DIVINE GUIDANCE

1. Remove yourself from distractions (Hab. 2:1; Matt. 6:6; Luke 5:16).

2. Wait in anticipation (Hab. 2:1; Ps. 46:10; 5:3).
3. Allow God to use your God-given imagination (Hab. 2:1; Eph. 1:8; John 3:3; Eph. 3:20).
4. Record the inspiration and ideas you receive (Hab. 2:2).
5. Worship God for guiding you (Hab. 3:2; Phil. 4:4).

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