

Day Four

Listen

Read

Psalms 111:10, Romans 10:17



One of the biggest privileges of being a follower of Christ is our ability to hear His voice. The devil knows this too and wants to disrupt our two-way communication with God. Here are two of the more common traps:

The trap of “rushing” and “busyness”

Many times in our fast-paced lifestyle, we don't allow ourselves to stop and listen to the voice of God. It's like going to the doctor and telling him all the symptoms of your illness and then leaving before the doctor can give a diagnosis. The only way out of the “let's-hurry-up-with-prayer-so-we-can-get-over-with-it” trap is to understand that God wants your love and fellowship before anything else. You will hear God better when you give Him quality time. Just relax and focus on the goodness of God.

The trap of “I cannot recognise God's voice”

We often fall into the wrong mindset that we have trouble recognising God's voice by bringing up memories of the times we or others have heard God wrong. Don't live in the past! 1 Samuel 3:1-10 shows us how the prophet Samuel overcame his problem of recognising God's voice by saying, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” Once we're in “listening mode”, it's not difficult to recognise God's voice.



Mission

Schedule a time to listen, pray for five minutes, and plan to listen for the next five minutes. You can increase this as you grow more confident in the Lord. Part of listening is writing things down (journaling), drawing or recording a voice note. God doesn't give guarantees, He gives promises.

Reminder:

1. Make sure your mind is set on the Lord.
2. Wait patiently for the Lord to advise you and answer you.
3. Since God blesses faith, be sure to look at Him and not to your own feelings,
4. God's ways are higher than our ways. It might seem simple, silly or scary. As long as what God tells you doesn't go against His Word, go for it!



Prayer

Dear God, use me to make a difference this week. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. In Jesus' name, Amen.

REVO STORY

Minor stroke, major God

“This happened two weeks ago during one of my toughest times. I was busy and just all over the place. Basically, I didn't think that at that time, I was even ready or equipped at all for God's work. Just then, I heard again about my classmate who was going through depression.

This time, I got to know that he accidentally bit his tongue and his nervous system suffered. He had a minor stroke which caused him to temporarily lose his facial expressions on the left side of his face.

While I was going through my own problems for the day, I thought: Why waddle in my own problems when I can channel the energy to somewhere better? Besides, I have been praying for something greater to happen so that God can reveal Himself more to him. He had been interested in God since his first healing, however, things seem to dwindle after his friend's influence. This was the perfect opportunity to rekindle his faith.

I initiated a friendly conversation with him. He told me that his doctor said that he'll take at least a month to recover. I took a glance at him and all of a sudden, I had this confidence and blurted, 'In 15 days, you will be healed!'

I was just as shocked as he was to hear something as insane as that coming from my mouth. I'm not a doctor by profession, yet I'm telling him that it is possible with God. He told me while I was praying, 'But Beatrice, today is already the seventh day...'

That meant I have another seven days ahead to see God work. I surrendered to God, 'You're the one who gave me confidence, You take care of it.' I started the countdown, and on the seventh day (which is 15 days since the diagnosis), my friend was 90% healed. Hallelujah!

God reached out to my friend and my friend started attending prayer meetings on his own initiative. God's faithfulness is real. I didn't think that God could use me, looking at my condition, but it wasn't how much I could offer, it was how much I am willing to offer up to God."

– *Beatrice Goh, SMK Seksyen 4 Bandar Kinrara*

Beatrice continued to share with us amazing Revo stories of how the Holy Spirit had used her to pray for healing among her friends and her friend's dear ones. We believed that she had discovered her spiritual gift of healing just by committing to "pray, listen, obey".