

# Homework:

## My Conversations with God, Part 2

For this second part, your responses may be much longer and more involved. To ensure that you have enough space to record everything that you are learning and receiving from God, we recommend using a blank journal for steps 8 through 13.

- Based on the thoughts that God heard you saying to yourself last week in Step #4, search out a Scripture verse on which to do a deeper study. Not only does this step reveal the enemy's lies and God's truth, but it also familiarizes you with His rhythm in communication by studying how He loves.

Example:

- Step #4 definitely reflected, feeling alone, and not feeling loved.*
- The verse that really spoke to me was Deuteronomy 31:8, which says, "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

- After you write down the verse, read it slowly and intentionally. First, read it to understand what it is saying. Then when you re-read it, pause and ask questions. Journal these questions and what He says or shows you.

Example:

- What does it mean when You say that You "go before me?" How can I tell that You've done this?*
- This verse helps me know that You do care and are with me even if the problem is not gone.*
- This means that I can go through anything with hope because I'm never alone. Every step of the way I can rewire my brain by being thankful or thinking good things about You and others.*

- Is there a person in the Bible who relates to your situation? Research who else in the Bible had a hard time learning how to hear God. Then based on what you learn, what questions would you ask God?

Example of a person in the Bible:

- As a small boy, Samuel also had to learn how to hear God's voice.*
- Samuel's mother Hannah cried out for a child, promising that the child would be raised by God. Eli, the priest in the Temple, told Hannah she would have a child, and she later bore a son. After the child was weaned, she gave him to Eli to raise in the house of the Lord.*
- Eli was old, and his sons did not follow the ways of the Lord. In fact, the Lord warned him that his house would be torn down. In 1 Samuel 2:35, He told Eli, "I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever." You were searching for someone with a pure heart and found it in Samuel.*

Examples of questions for God:

- *What do You need me to do to bring You glory and be used for Your kingdom endeavors right now?*
- *Would You please show me and teach me what You are saying and what that would look like?*

11. Consider what you have learned. Journal a prayer of thankfulness to God.

Example:

- *Thank you, God, for showing me that even Your prophets and priests had to learn to hear Your voice. Teach me how to hear You so that I may please You and help your people.*
- *Lord, You do not require me to be a prophet to hear Your voice because I am Your child and have the Holy Spirit inside of me. Teach me to please You and obey Your commands because that shows that I love You.*
- *John 14:21 says, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." Father, show me how to obey and follow You always so that I may hear You, in Jesus's name.*

12. Consider other areas you want to know more about. Journal what you hope God will reveal to you.

Example:

- *I learned that if I have a personal relationship with You and obey Your commands the best I know how, You will manifest Yourself to me.*
- *You will tell me about Yourself so that I can understand how You speak with me. You will tell me about Yourself so that I will know when You is speaking to me.*
- *Jeremiah 29:13 says that I will find You if I seek You with my whole heart. Next, I will investigate how to seek You with all my heart. I need to make seeking You a priority.*

13. Finally, resolve to be pro-active and intentional in your ongoing relationship with God. Take concrete, specific action like writing out some Scriptures that help you seek the Lord and use a planner or calendar to make regular appointments to seek, study, and converse with God.

Example:

- *Every Friday this month from 8 to 9 a.m., I will look up these Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:13, Psalm 119:2, Luke 11:9-10 and Matthew 7:7 to study how to seek You and what that looks like for me.*
- *The more I know Your Word and Your Ways, the more my faith increases to believe that You really do talk to me.*