

## Steps to Communicating with God

*I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.<sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.*<sup>NIV</sup> John 14:12-13

1. Prepare to talk with and listen to God. Get your mind and heart in a neutral position. In other words, don't have any preconceived notion of what you want God to say to you. Desire His will and His words to you.
2. Focus on God. You might think about Jesus as He walked the earth or as the risen Lord in Revelation 1:13-16. You might think about the throne room as in Revelation 4:2-11.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your communication with God. (Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 6:18)
4. The Holy Spirit may lead you in Thanksgiving, Worship, Confession, Intercession, Fellowship or Help for a personal issue. These are all forms of communicating with God and the Spirit will lead you in all of these at different times. There is no special order. Sometimes you will experience all of them in your time with the LORD. He will also lead you through prayer in the Bible or by another means. (1 Samuel 2:1-10, Nehemiah 1:5-11, Psalm 51, Matthew 6:9-13)
5. Speak your heart to God and ask Him to speak to you. (1 Samuel 3:10) Of course God may speak to you first as He did with Samuel. Therefore you will say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."
6. Write down what God says to you and obey his instructions immediately. Sometimes you may not be sure if you heard correctly. Was God speaking to me or were this my own thoughts? Ask God to separate His words from your own thoughts. Trust and believe that He will answer your prayer. **Remember** God will not ask you to do anything that goes against the Bible. He will not ask you to hurt or harm yourself or another person (Matthew 22:36-40). Satan and his followers may also try to get you to have certain thoughts. Be on guard.
7. Thank God for the gift of communicating with Him.