



# soulmind

Connecting you with God's heart

## Creative Communicator

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NLT)

Welcome to **Soulmind**.

Working through Dallas Willard's book, [Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God](#), this week we jump into Chapter 5. For the next couple of weeks we will be looking at the two most important ways that God communicates with us personally and individually.

This week, we are focusing on the ways that God speaks to us objectively from outside ourselves; next week is all about the subjective ways He comes to us with a "still, small voice."

~Jeannie



[LISTEN TO THE DEVOTIONAL](#)

Be sure to check out the **SOUL PRACTICE** suggestion for this week (*see below*).

## Topic Overview

We started off this series by asking if you had ever heard someone say, "God spoke to me, God told me..." and maybe you were just a bit skeptical? How does this hearing from God actually work? We looked at biblical examples of how God spoke with people like you and me. Those stories, as well as the experiences of many Christians throughout history, show that God can and does speak to individuals in some more dramatic ways – such as an audible voice, a visit by a supernatural messenger, a dream or vision. You may have had an experience like this.

However, throughout the Bible and human history, the most common way that God communicated was through an individual human being. In fact, the Bible itself is a case of God's speaking in unison with individual human voices in its writing, in His guiding of people through the process of its delivery to humankind, and now always as it continues to speak to us today through Bible teachers, Christians writers and musicians, our fellow Christ-followers, and our own reading of the written Word.

Coming through the words of a friend or spouse, hearing another's personal story, a book, a

sermon, a quote, a phone call just at the right time, a Bible verse, a piece of music or a movie, even a billboard – the creativity of how God communicates with us personally through human language is absolutely astounding, if you are paying attention.

For me, music is an especially powerful avenue for God to speak. I have become aware that there is a soundtrack that is almost always running in the background of my mind. I sometimes just laugh out loud because I become aware that the lyrics of the song in my head are saying something that I really needed to hear that day; an encouragement or affirmation, a bit of wisdom, a truth about my circumstance, a convicting reminder. I recognize this as God speaking in unison with a musician to get a message to me, personally, right when I need it.

## Daily Scriptures

### MONDAY

#### Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### TUESDAY

#### Colossians 3:16 (RSV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

### WEDNESDAY

#### 2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises.

### THURSDAY

#### 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

### FRIDAY

#### James 1:21-24 (NLT)

Humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

## Doing Your Part

**SOUL PRACTICE**  
Spiritual Songs

The lyrics of many worship songs and hymns either come directly from Scripture or are truths from the Bible about God. Make it a habit to include this kind of music in your daily experience. The Holy Spirit can and will use those songs to speak to you.

The daily emails this week will include links to a YouTube version of a worship song or hymn to get you started.

(I have hundreds of favorites, so just ask if you want recommendations.)

### **Brian Regan asks a great question.**

Music is only one way to get the goodness of God's written Word into your heart and mind.

Getting Scripture into your mind should be a top priority for anyone who wants to develop a conversational relationship with God.

## *Wise Words*

*God's speaking in union with the human voice and human language is the primary objective way in which God addresses us...of all the ways in which a message comes from outside the mind or personality of the person addressed, it most commonly comes through a human being.*

Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*

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