

# PRAYER | WEEK 4

God still speaks. He is highly communicative. The issue is not whether God will talk with us; the issue is with our listening. And that usually comes down to paying attention long enough to hear and truly listen to the voice of God. Our challenge for the final week is to develop our ears and tune them to hear God.

Most of us have never heard the audible voice of God, but He speaks to us just as certainly. God speaks through Bible verses, people, inaudible impressions, pastors, counselors, and His church. All of these are ways God can speak to us. But if we are not aware of or sensitive to these, we may never hear Him.

Think through the past three weeks. Look at your prayer journal. Now write down five things that you believe God has said to you in the past three weeks.

*Message from God*

#1: \_\_\_\_\_

*Message from God*

#2: \_\_\_\_\_

*Message from God*

#3: \_\_\_\_\_

*Message from God*

#4: \_\_\_\_\_

*Message from God*

#5: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice that for the past three weeks, we have not focused at all on praying to get things from God. That will come very naturally—don't worry. The important issue here is developing the conversational part of the most important love relationship—your love for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The rest springs from there.

## Tip | Develop a strategy for the future

- Make a **personal** commitment. Write down your commitment and share it with someone.
- Make a **plan**. Ask the Holy Spirit where to go from here. College Park has many prayer opportunities, so contact Pastor Don at [dbartemus@yourchurch.com](mailto:dbartemus@yourchurch.com) if you need more information.
- Make the **pursuit**. This is a marathon, not a sprint. Develop a prayer calendar or find a year-long prayer journal. You can find help with this at <http://www.harvestprayer.com/>
- Make it a **partnership**. Pray with your family, your spouse, your friends, and your Small Group.