

Fresh Start

When You Wonder If It's Possible To Hear From God

1. Believe that _____

1 Peter 2:25 *Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.*

John 10:3-5 *The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.*

John 10:27 *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

Numbers 12:6-8 *And the LORD said to them, "Now listen to what I say: "If there were prophets among you, I, the LORD, would reveal myself in visions. I would speak to them in dreams. But not with my servant Moses. Of all my house, he is the one I trust. I speak to him face to face, clearly, and not in riddles!"*

2. Deal with _____

2 Thessalonians 1:11 *May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.*

a) We don't want to be _____

b) We don't want to be _____

c) We don't think _____

John 1:12 *But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.*

How to do the GPS experiment

Set the alarms on your phone or watch to go off 3-5 times during the day. When they go off, go through the GPS questions:

God Focus: Imagine God is saying to you, "What do you need from me?" Then tell Him what you need! Your needs are an opportunity for God to show you His love. "God, I'm depending on you. I need..."

...joy despite my circumstances

...self-control to do what's right

...peace because things are in turmoil

...patience to deal with this person

...wisdom to know what to do now

Matthew 7:7 *Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need ... If your child asks for bread, do you trick him with sawdust? ... So don't you think the God who conceived you in love will be even better?*

Purpose: "God, I want your will to be done here on earth as it is heaven. I'm here to do your will, not mine."

Serve: "What do you want me to say or do right now for you? Is there someone you want me to serve in your name?"

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 *Paul said, "Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take [the thorn in my flesh] away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"*