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**Relationship is the goal, not
information.**

Hearing God is not about getting
predictions or decisions for life efficiency,
it is about building a relationship with Him.



³ When I look at the night sky and see the work
of your fingers, the moon and the stars you
set in place-

⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think
about them, human beings that you should care
for them?

Psalms 8: 3-5 (NLT)



⁵ Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

Psalm 8: 3-5 (NLT)



¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.

They cannot be numbered!

¹⁸ I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!

And when I wake up,
you are still with me!

Psalm 139: 17-18 (NLT)



⁸ When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so he marched out to meet them. ⁹ The Philistines arrived and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim.

1 Chronicles 14:8-10



¹⁰ So David **asked God**, "Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The Lord replied, "Yes, go ahead. I will hand them over to you."

1 Chronicles 14:8-10 (NLT)



¹³ But after a while the Philistines returned and raided the valley again. ¹⁴ And once again David asked God what to do. "Do not attack them straight on," God replied. "Instead, circle around behind and attack them near the poplar trees." ¹⁵ When you hear a sound like marching feet in the tops of the poplar trees, go out and attack!

1 Chronicles 14:13-17 (NLT)



That will be the signal that God is moving ahead of you to strike down the Philistine army.”¹⁶ So David did what God commanded, and they struck down the Philistine army all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.¹⁷ So David’s fame spread everywhere, and the Lord caused all the nations to fear David.

1 Chronicles 14:13-17 (NLT)



Distractions



³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught.⁴⁰

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)



⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details!

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)



⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)



“The greatest threat to spiritual life may not be outright rebellion against God, but a life so crowded with noise, speed, and distraction that we no longer have the capacity to pay attention to Him.”

John Mare Comer



The average American spends about 4½ hours a day on a smartphone, touches it around 2,600 times a day, and now switches attention on a screen about every 47 seconds



**We Live Hurried
Lives**



"Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life
in our day."

Dallas Willard



Biblical meditation differs fundamentally from contemporary mindfulness practices. While modern meditation typically aims at mental clarity or stress reduction through emptying the mind, biblical meditation involves rehearsing, thinking about, and pondering God's Word until it reaches the depth of the heart and affects one's life.

Robert Saucy



He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)



Be still, and know that I am God!

Psalm 46:10 (NLT)



Heart Is Not Neutral



Then some of the leaders of Israel visited me, and while they were sitting with me, ² this message came to me from the Lord: ³ "Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin. Why should I listen to their requests?

Ezekiel 14:1-3 (NLT)



Comfortable With Sin



¹³ You must warn each other every day, while it is still
“today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin
and **hardened against God.**

Hebrews 3:13 (NLT)



⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you.
Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for
your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

James 4:8 (NLT)

