

HEARING GOD



“Hurry is the great enemy of our
spiritual life today.”

Dallas Willard



"The heavens declare the *glory of God*,
and the expanse proclaims the *work of
his hands*. Day after day they pour out
speech; night after night they
communicate knowledge."

Psalms 19:1-2 (CSB)



“For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, *being understood through what he has made.* As a result, people are without excuse.”

Romans 1:20 (CSB)



“Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)



"So God created human beings *in his own image*. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)



IMAGO DEI

Made in the image of God.



“For we are *his workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10 (CSB)



“The world is charged with the
grandeur of God.”

Gerard Manley Hopkins



**1. WE HEAR GOD
THROUGH THE
DIVERSITY OF
THOSE AROUND
US.**



“Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery,

Ephesians 3:8-11 (NIV)



which for ages past was kept hidden in
God, who created all things. His intent
was that now, *through the church, the
manifold wisdom of God should be
made known*

Ephesians 3:8-11 (NIV)



to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Ephesians 3:8-11 (NIV)



MANIFOLD

πολυποίκιλος (polypoikilos)

multicoloured, many-sided, diverse.



"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)



may have power, *together with all the Lord's holy people*, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)



“When we claim and constantly reclaim the truth of being chosen ones, we soon discover within ourselves a deep desire to reveal to others their own chosenness. Instead of making us feel that we are better,

Henry Nouwen



...more precious or valuable than others, our awareness of being chosen opens our eyes to the chosenness of others. That is the great joy of being chosen: the discovery that others are chosen as well."

Henry Nouwen



*What is preventing us from hearing
God through the diversity of
others?*

COMPARISON



**2. WE HEAR GOD
THROUGH
COMMUNITY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY.**



“The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise *listen to advice.*”

Proverbs 12:15 (NIV)



“See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily...”

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NIV)



“The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother’s is sure.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
in “Life Together”



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**3. WE HEAR GOD
THROUGH
SERVING OTHERS.**



“Then the righteous will answer him,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry
and feed you, or thirsty and give you
something to drink? When did we see
you a stranger and invite you in, or
needing clothes and clothe you?

Matthew 25:37–40 (NIV)



When did we see you sick or in prison
and go to visit you?' The King will
reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever *you*
did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, *you did*
for me.'"

Matthew 25:37–40 (NIV)



*What is preventing us from hearing
God through serving others?*

MISCONCEPTIONS



**YOU WERE NEVER
MEANT TO DISCERN
THE VOICE OF GOD
ALONE.**

