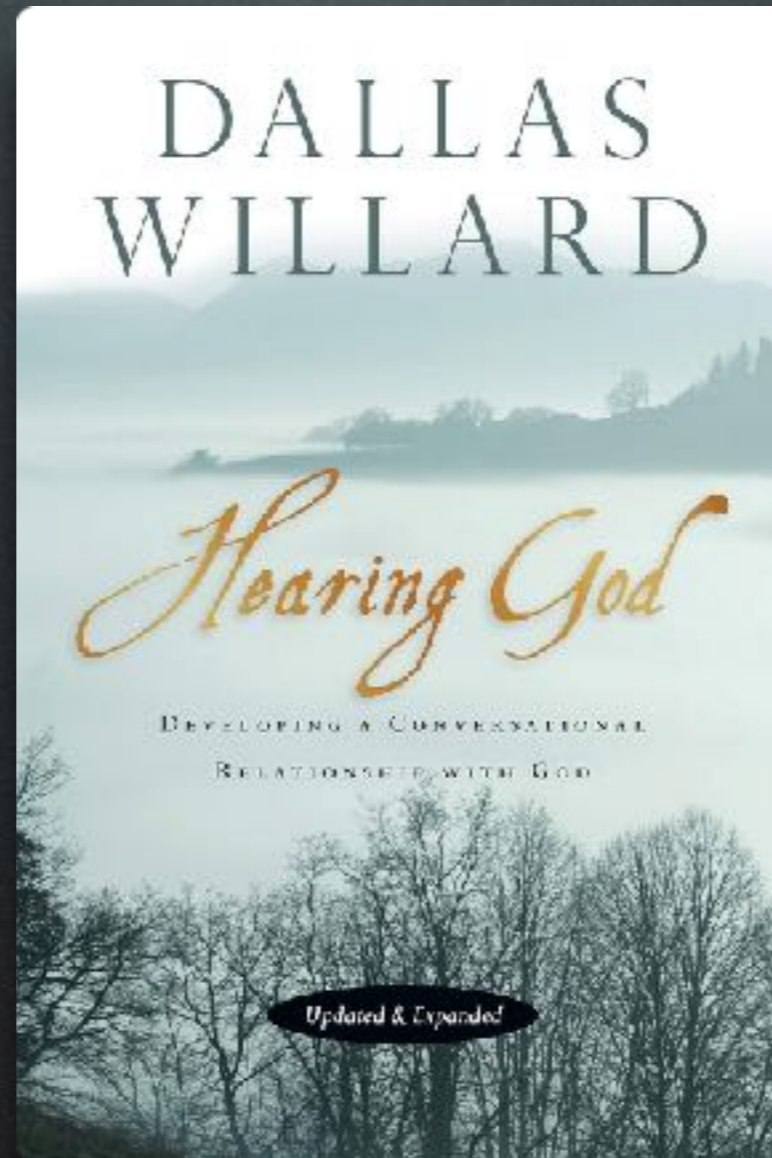


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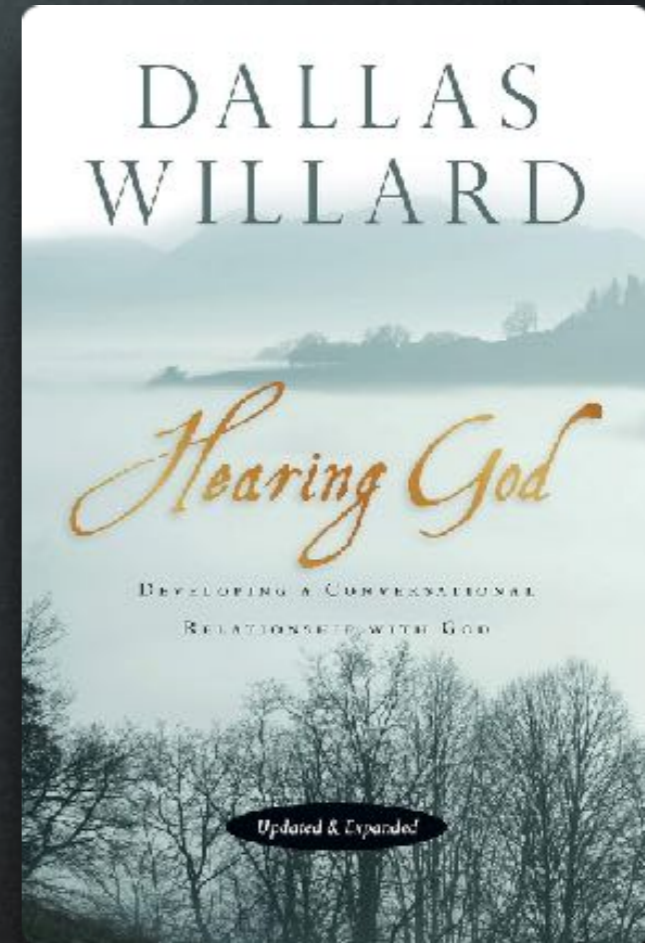
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## Session 2 Review

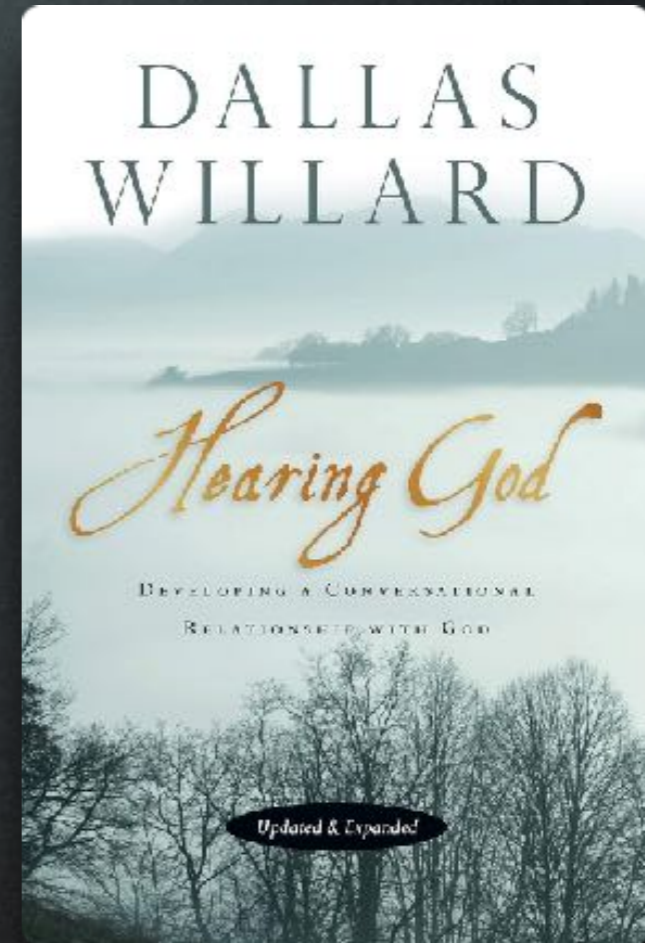
It's a paradox: Believers know abiding saints converse with God in many forms but they (we) lack the confidence because of wrong motives and views of God.

*We desperately need the ministry of Eli.*



## Session 2 Comment

*“This is revolutionary to what I have heard throughout my life...it makes so much more sense what it means to have a personal relationship.”*



# HEARING GOD

## Session 3 - “*Guidelines for Hearing from God*” - Chapter 2

### **A Creative, Cooperative Friendship with God**

Prayer (def.) Honest exchange between people who are doing things together.

Our primary goal: Not just hearing God, but to be mature people in a loving relationship with Him.

*Hearing God, p. 39*



“My sheep hear My voice,  
and I know them,  
and they follow Me.”  
John 10:27



## “The Beatitudes Personalized”

The condition of life sought for by human beings through the ages is attained in the quietly transforming friendship of Jesus.

*The Divine Conspiracy*  
p. 124



# HEARING GOD

## Session 3 - *“Guidelines for Hearing from God”* - Chapter 2

### **Guideline #1 — Love God with all our being (40-42)**

God is not a Taskmaster or Cosmic Boss

Communion with God = Communication Context

### **Guideline #2 — Mere humans can talk with God (42-44)**

“Jesus was human, yet divine; divine, yet human”

Jesus & Saints — “riotously human men & women”



## **How to Believe the Bible Stories (44-45)**

*“Read the Bible as if we had been there...”* otherwise:

Problem #1 — The Bible becomes a book of doctrine.

Problem #2 — We stop reading the Bible with interest, intelligence, joy, imagination.

**Flashback**

*In the most primary of senses  
the word of God is simply God speaking. (19)*

**Flashforward**

*Read the biblical accounts as if what is  
described is happening to us. (119)*





*"Who, me, Lord?"* = Humble Arrogance

First, you are that important!

Second, God speaking to you doesn't make you important!

# HEARING GOD

Session 3 - *“Guidelines for Hearing from God”* - Chapter 2

## Strengths of True Meekness

*Not Pretending, Presuming, Pushing*

A fail-safe recipe for humility. (52-53)



*“Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth.”*

*Numbers 12:3*

## **Guideline #3 — Hearing God doesn't make us righteous**

God's infallible message does not make us infallible.

We have to examine authority and of being "right" in relation to hearing God's voice.

God's purposes are not merely to support us or make us look and feel secure in our roles or to make sure that we are right. (53)

*"We know that all of us possess knowledge.  
Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up."*

*1 Corinthians 8:2*

## **REVIEW: Guidelines for Hearing God**

### **#1 – Love God with all our being**

Communion with God = Communication Context

### **#2 – Mere humans can talk with God**

Divine Incarnation - fully human, fully divine

### **#3 – Hearing God doesn't make us righteous**

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# Q&C

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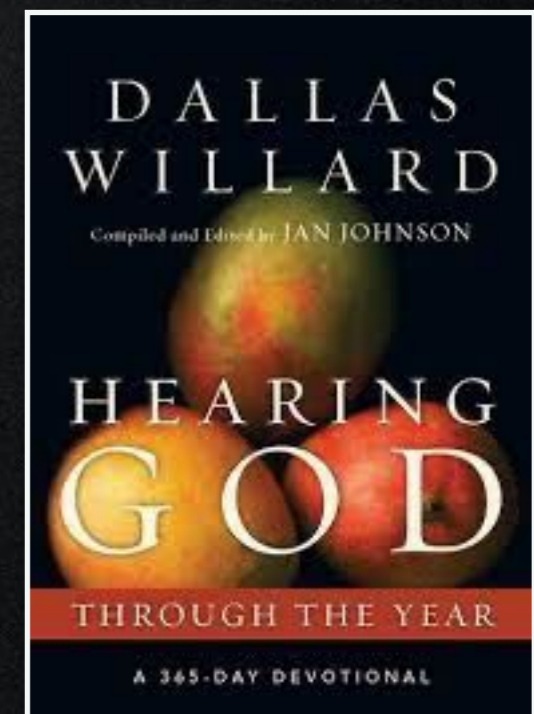
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**Meditation** — Lectio Divina #1 (48-51) *1 Kings 19:2-18*

## **Application**

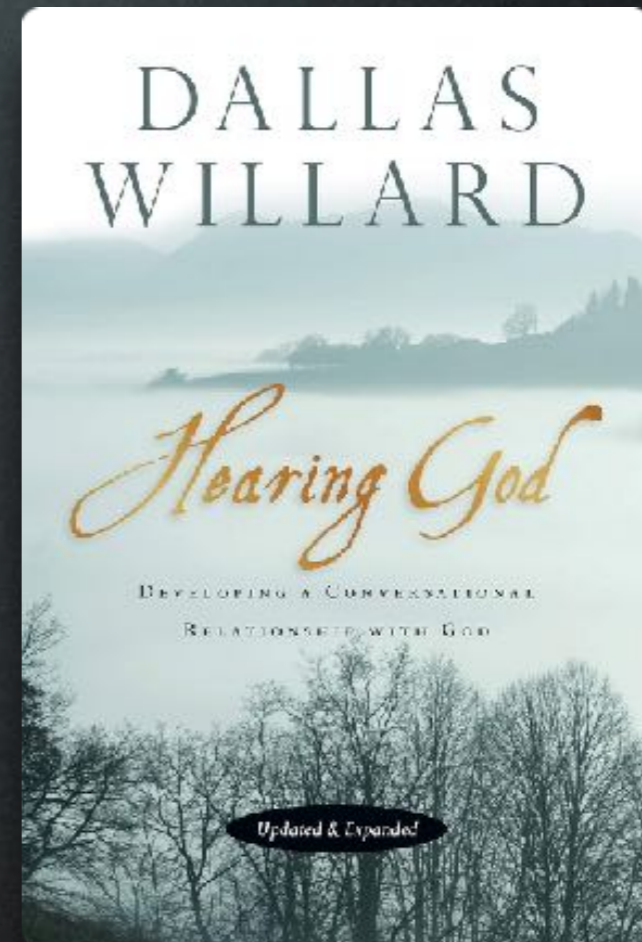
- 1.) Who is God to me? Taskmaster? Cosmic Boss?  
Angry Father? Gracious Abba?
- 2.) What is the difference between communion,  
communication and guidance?
- 3.) How do humility & pride conflict when hearing God?  
What about being right or righteous?
- 4.) Which of the 3 Guidelines stand out? Why?

*Converse daily with God —>*



## Session 3 Summary

As we seek to love the Lord our God with all our being, we can communicate with God, but that doesn't make us important, right or righteous. On the other hand, genuine humility opens the way for God to work.



## **Next — Session 4**

### **“Never Alone” Chapter 3**

**“A clear picture of how it is that we are to be  
with God and God with us.”**

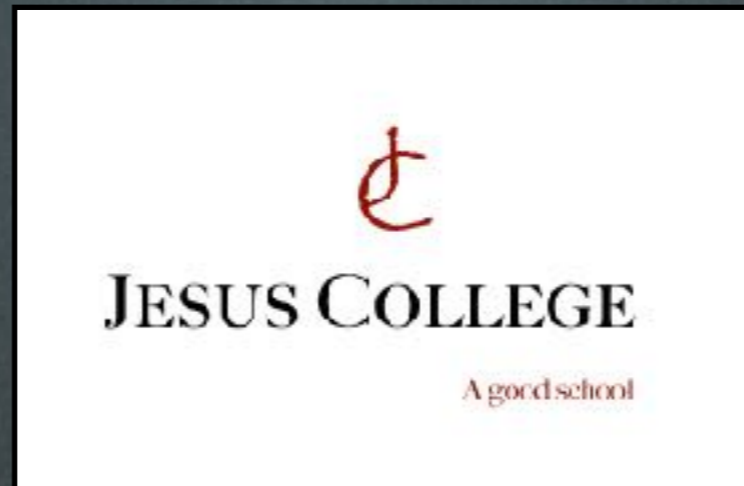
**(end of chapter 2, p. 54 )**



May you listen humbly to  
hear God communicate  
with you as you stand  
right in the middle of His  
Word and Work.

*Doug*





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*“Training to be proficient in willing the good”*

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