







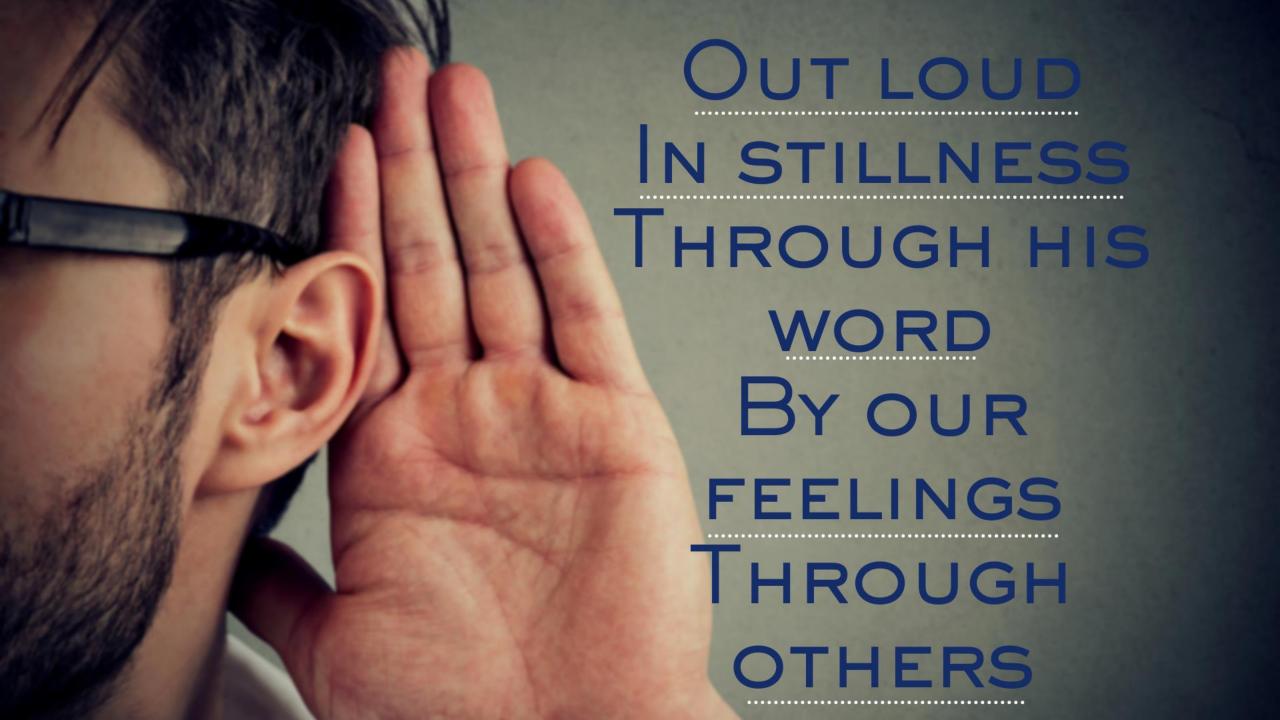
"IN EXPERIENCES WITH SCRIPTURE AND OTHER THINGS —CIRCUMSTANCES, OUR OWN INNER THOUGHTS AND IMPULSES, READING HISTORY OR BIOGRAPHY—GOD'S WORD FREQUENTLY COMES IN A WAY THAT AT LEAST APPROXIMATES THE EXPERIENCE OF AN AUDIBLE

-DALLAS WILLARD

# LISTENING POSITIONS YOU FOR HEARING; HEARING PREPARES YOU FOR LEADING.

## GOD WILL SPEAK TO YOU PERSONALLY WHEN YOU LISTEN TO HIM INTENTIONALLY





Audibly
Gently
Clearly
Personally
Communally

God Communicates

### GOD IS HERE

GENESIS 16:6-15

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6 "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

7 THE ANGEL OF THE LORD FOUND HAGAR NEAR A SPRING IN THE DESERT; IT WAS THE SPRING THAT IS BESIDE THE ROAD TO SHUR. 8 AND HE SAID, "HAGAR, SLAVE OF SARAI, WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM, AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?" "I'M RUNNING AWAY FROM MY MISTRESS SARAI," SHE ANSWERED.

9 THEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD TOLD HER, "GO BACK TO YOUR MISTRESS AND SUBMIT TO HER." 10 THE ANGEL ADDED, "I WILL INCREASE YOUR DESCENDANTS SO MUCH THAT THEY WILL BE TOO NUMEROUS TO COUNT."

#### II THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ALSO SAID TO HER:

"You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery.

#### 12 He will be a wild donkey of a man;

HIS HAND WILL BE AGAINST EVERYONE AND EVERYONE'S HAND AGAINST HIM, AND HE WILL LIVE IN HOSTILITY TOWARD ALL HIS BROTHERS."

13 She gave this name to the Lord WHO SPOKE TO HER: "YOU ARE THE GOD WHO SEES ME," FOR SHE SAID, "I HAVE NOW SEEN THE ONE WHO SEES ME." 14 THAT IS WHY THE WELL WAS CALLED BEER-LAHAI-ROI; IT IS STILL THERE, BETWEEN KADESH AND BERED.

## 15 So Hagar Bore Abram a son, and Abram Gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.



### GOD MOVES TOWARD YOU IN YOUR PAIN

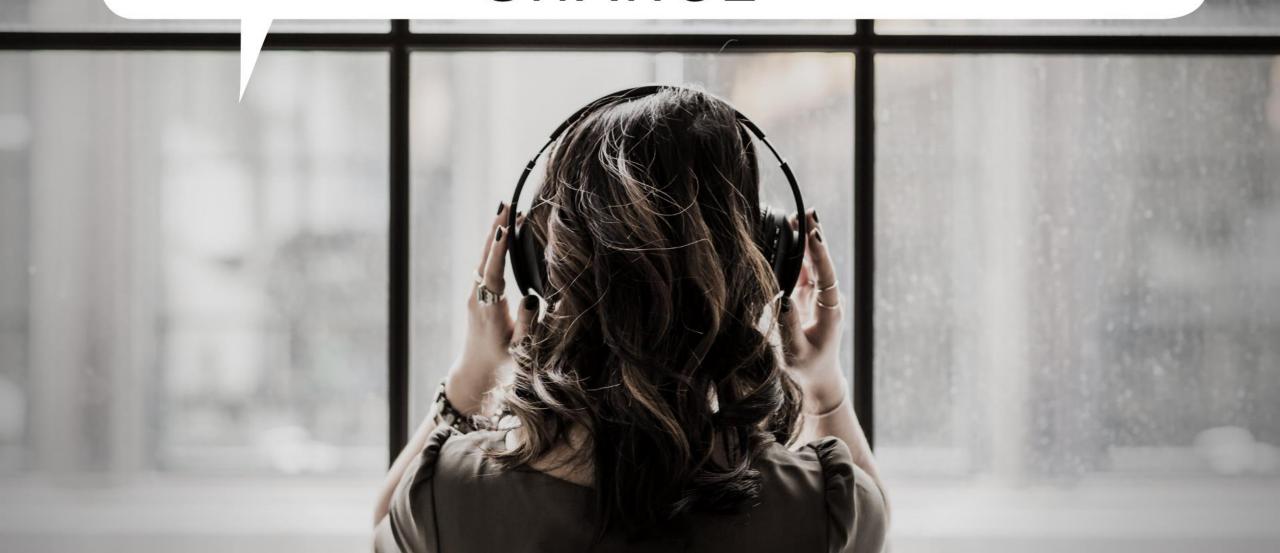


### THE ANGEL OF THE LORD FOUND HER.

## SOMETIMES WE NEED TO HEAR OURSELVES BE HONEST ABOUT WHERE WE ARE AND WHY WE'RE THERE.

#### IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT GOD HEARS YOU, YOU MAY NEVER BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN HEAR GOD.

### When God speaks, things change



## SOMETIMES GOD ASKS US TO DO HARD THINGS

#### YOU LIFE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME



#### SOMETIMES WE NEED TO SEE GOD WORKING TO RELEASE US TO HEAR HIS VOICE.

#### YOU ARE LOVED