

# The Language of God

## How God Guides

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**LANGUAGE OF GOD:** This thing with God is more interactive than we can imagine.

### GUIDANCE FROM GOD???

- ▶ The POINT ≠ obedience
- ▶ The POINT = “Conversational relationship”

*May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.*

2 Thessalonians 3:5

**GOOD QUESTION:** How?

**PRIOR QUESTION:** Why?

**BEST QUESTION:** WHO?

A: God guides, the GUIDE-A-BLE

1. BELIEVE and EXPECT and SEEK God's guidance.

*For You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me.*

Psalm 31:3

<sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God...<sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son.

Romans 8:14–16, 29

\*\*\*Calls for a robust trust and confidence in

God's GOODNESS!

2. DON'T WAIT... CULTIVATE

“wait” ...until you are facing a life-altering decision

“cultivate” ...a life of listening to God

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!*

Psalm 143:10 (ESV)

- ✓ Get to know and KNOW the Bible (See Colossians 3:16)
- ✓ Do what you know to do (See Psalm 86:11; John 7:17)
- ✓ Attentive – quiet down...
- ✓ Pace – slow down... wait (Psalm 27:10)

3. LEAN INTO LEADING — those experiencing lots of leading from God are those who are...

- ✓ Surrendered — all in, over the edge (James 1:5-8)
- ✓ Engaged in stuff with God — Co-laborers
- ✓ Up for an adventure
- ✓ Willing to take the road less traveled (1 John 2:17)

**WHAT WANTS FOR YOU...** Rescue, deliver, save!

<sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3–4