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(JOHN 15:5)

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I was made to talk to God



Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."



Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)



So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)



Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place,
when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him,

"Lord, teach us to pray..."



Luke 11:1 (NIV)



I am not bothering God!
He wants me to talk to Him.



Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.



Matthew 11:28 (NLT)



“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

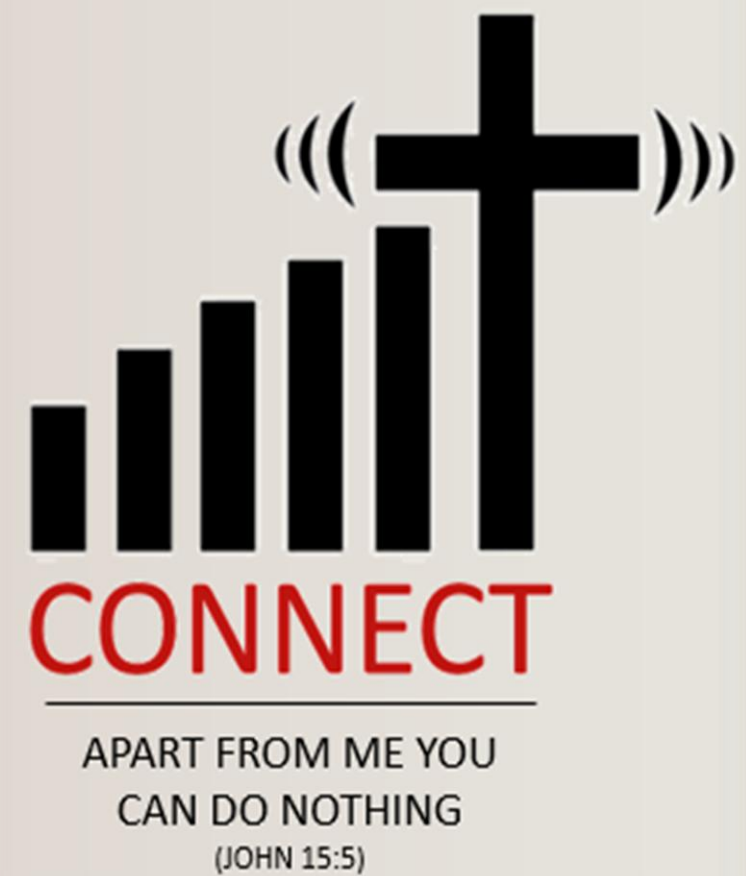


Matthew 7:7–11 (NLT)



How should I talk to God?

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O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.



Psalm 139:1–6 (NLT)



You know what I am going to say even before I say it,
Lord.

You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of
blessing on my head.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for
me to understand!



Psalm 139:1–6 (NLT)



For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.



Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)



And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.



Romans 8:26–27 (NLT)



“You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not!

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.



Matthew 7:7–11 (NLT)



The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.

And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”



Romans 8:15 (NIV)





Guarded prayers lead a shallow relationship with God while honest vulnerability leads to depth in my relationship.

The more I open up to God, the deeper my relationship with Him will be.

After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, **a man after my own heart;** he will do everything I want him to do.'



Acts 13:22 (NIV)



For **it is with your heart** that you believe and are justified,
and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and
are saved.



Romans 10:10 (NIV)



let us draw near to God with **a sincere heart** and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.



Hebrews 10:22 (NIV)



Love the Lord your God **with all your heart** and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'



Mark 12:30 (NIV)



I love God back by
spending time with Him.

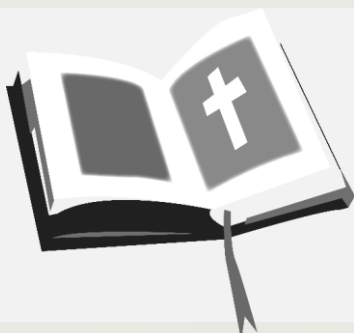
Don't just listen to Him.
Open up to Him.



O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me.



Psalm 13:1–5 (NLT)



I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the Lord's mercy. I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles. When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn. Wherever I go, my enemies have set traps for me. I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me.



Psalm 142:1–7 (NLT)



Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, “You are my place of refuge. You are all I really want in life. Hear my cry, for I am very low. Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. Bring me out of prison so I can thank you. The godly will crowd around me, for you are good to me.”



Psalm 142:1–7 (NLT)



Prayer can just be an ongoing conversation with God

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pray continually,



1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)



Remain in me, **as I also remain in you**. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



John 15:4–5 (NIV)



...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



Matthew 28:20 (NIV)



... God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”



Hebrews 13:5–6 (NIV)



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God wants me to live
with a constant
awareness that He is
with me.

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