

**“GOD WANTS TO TALK TO YOU” – pt 3**  
**How to Get Guidance From God**  
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*“I will climb up into my watchtower now and wait to see what the Lord will say to me and how He will answer my (question). Then the Lord said to me, ‘Write My answer in large, clear letters so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else. But these things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.’” Habakkuk 2:1-2 (NLT)*

1. **WANT**: I must desire to do God’s will.  
*“I want to hear what God the Lord says...” Psalm 85:8 (GW)*

*“My God, I want to do what You want.” Psalm 40:8 (NCV)*

*“What I want most of all and at all times is to honor Your laws.” Psalm 119:20 (CEV)*

*“If you search for God with all your heart and soul, you will find Him.”  
Deuteronomy 4:29 (NLT)*

2. **WITHDRAW**: Get alone in a quiet place.  
*“I will climb up into my watchtower...” Habakkuk 2:1 (NLT)*

*“Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” Luke 5:16 (NIV)*

*“Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace.” Matthew 6:6 (Mes)*

*“Don’t worry about what you will eat... or drink... or wear... Your heavenly Father knows that you need (these things).”  
Matthew 6:31-32 (CEV)*

3. **WAIT**: Calm your thoughts and emotions.  
*“... I will wait...” Habakkuk 2:1 (NLT) “...I will station myself...” (NIV)  
“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10 (NIV)*

4. **WATCH**: Let God give you a mental picture.  
*“I will look to see what he will say to me...” Habakkuk 2:1c (NIV)*

*“When I tried to figure it out, all I got was a splitting headache until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture.” Psalm 73:16-17 (Mes)*

5. **WRITE**: Record the ideas you receive.  
*“The Lord gave me this answer, ‘Write down clearly ... what I reveal to you...’”  
Habakkuk 2:2 (TEV)*

*“Write these things down for the future so that people who are not yet born will praise the Lord.” Psalm 102:18 (NCV)*

6. **WORSHIP**: Thank God for speaking to you.  
*“O Lord, now I have heard Your report, and I worship You in awe...” Habakkuk 3:2 (LB)*