

# Knowing God: The Faithfulness of God

## God Time – Laughing at God

These scriptures are selected to help you gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. You can read them each day or listen to the daily audio that is sent to you. They are intentionally designed for you to engage in your time alone with God. You will find them complementary to the teachings on the weekend (gatherings) and to the LIFE Group materials.

Some tips:

Use a Bible that is easy to read. The ESV or The NLT are both good translations.

Use a prayer journal. After you read the passages jot down what “jumped out” at you while reading. Then take a few minutes to write a prayer response to what you have read.

There are only five days of reading provided, so if you miss a day, you have time to catch up. Do not get legalistic! If you miss a day or even a week, God still loves you!

Monday: Luke 1:37

Tuesday: Matthew 19:26

Wednesday: Job 42:2

Thursday: Luke 1:37

Friday: Hebrews 6:18

# Diving Deeper

Knowing God's Faithfulness – Laughing at God

God does not want us to trust in methods. He wants us to trust in Him. Trusting methods rather than in a Person seriously limits how we experience God.

In times past, God spoke in dreams and visions. Using nature, prophets, a still small voice, fire... in the middle of the night, at mealtimes, at funerals, etc. The important thing was not how God spoke but that He spoke. Do not limit yourself to a method, expecting only to hear from Him in predictable ways. Rather, open yourself up to other means to which God wants to commune with you.

In current times God primarily speaks to us in these five ways:

- **The Church**

How has God spoken through the Church? Perhaps through music, a sermon, or a testimony that really hit home and you felt that God spoke to you through it.

- **The Holy Spirit**

For those of you that remember the rabbit ears and TV antennas – do you remember that we had to point the antenna in the right direction to get good reception.

Are you pointing your attention in the right direction to get good reception of what the Holy Spirit is telling you? This can be a small still voice.

- **The Word**

Can you imagine driving down highway 12 at night with no lights? Since the word is a "lamp and light", wouldn't it be wise to listen to the word to find direction and safe travels through this dark world?

You may be reading your bible and a verse seems to jump out at you. You think about this scripture throughout the day. This may be God speaking to you through the word.

- **Through Circumstances**

God can speak through the every day circumstances of life. As we journey through life some circumstances seem to be less than desirable - often painful. Be aware that God can use those unpleasant circumstances to speak to us.

For example; you may lose your job. However, through this bad experience, God opens the door to move you into another workplace that God can use you. Remember that not everything “bad” that happens to you is necessarily bad.

- **Through Others**

God may use friends, casual acquaintances, family or a complete stranger on a plane to speak to us. Never discount what others in your life may be saying – it could very well be God speaking.

Nothing happens by coincidence. It is not a stroke of luck. Be mindful, attentive and observant that God may be speaking.

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” – John 10:27-28

Sheep knew the voice of their shepherd and did not follow any other voice or shepherd. Likewise, we must learn the voice of God and follow.