

"I will climb my watchtower now and wait to see what answer God will give. And the Lord said to me, "Write my answer on a billboard, large and clear, so that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell the others. 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, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient!"

Habakkuk 2:1-3 TLB

Six steps to hearing:

- 1. <u>WANT</u> <u>I need to want to hear God's voice</u> Psalm 85:8, Psalm 40:8, Psalm 119:20, Deuteronomy 4:29
- 2. <u>WITHDRAW</u> <u>Get alone, away from distractions</u> Luke 5:16, Matthew 6:6
- 3. <u>WAIT</u> <u>Calm your thoughts and emotions</u> Romans 8:1 ^{NLT} – "Now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."
 - a. <u>Relax your body</u> Psalm 46:10 NLT – "Be still, and know that I am God!"
 - b. Wait quietly

Psalm 62:5 $^{\text{NLT}}$ – "Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him."

c. Wait patiently

Psalm $37.7 \text{ }^{\text{NLT}}$ – "Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act.

d. Wait expectantly

Psalm 130:5 $^{\text{TLB}}$ – "I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for he has promised."

Psalm 73:16-17 ^{MSG} – "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"

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<u>How</u>?

1. James 1:5^{TLB} – "If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it."

2. Luke 18:35-43

James 1:6 TLB – "But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to tell you..."

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Psalm 102:18 ^{GNT} – "Write down for the coming generation what the LORD has done, so that people not yet born will praise him."

Habakkuk 3:2 $^{\mbox{\tiny ILB}}$ – "O Lord, now I have heard your report, and I worship you in awe..."

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