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**Listening For God**  
September 13, 2015

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2. Listening for God's voice is about getting "\_\_\_\_\_".
3. Listening for God is the same as being \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Listening for God is a way to \_\_\_\_\_.

**How do I practice listening for God's voice in my life?**

1. I need to learn to listen for the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I need to learn to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It makes no sense to listen for God in my life if I am not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Responding begins with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I need to listen to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (within reason)
  - Sometimes the answers we are looking for are found in the godly advice of people we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I need to practice listening in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - This is about practicing the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ all throughout my day.

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