

RESTORATION

& The Power of Prayer



**TELLING
YOURSELF
THE TRUTH**



Hearing God's Voice

Recap:

1. Two key verses from Scriptures about hearing God's voice:

OLD TESTAMENT

*“But this is what I commanded them,
saying, ‘Obey My voice,
and I will be your God...””*

Jeremiah 7:23



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Recap:

2. Two key verses from Scriptures about hearing God's voice:

NEW TESTAMENT

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

John 10:27



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Recap:

3. Three distinct features of Hearing God's voice which are life-changing.
 - 1) **Personal** – we come to know His voice personally and more intimately over time.
 - 2) **Intangible** – not having physical presence, not restricted to any place or time. We have nothing to cling to but His voice.
 - 3) **Ever present** – God's voice is always present, the Eternal now. Hearing God's voice, hearing "I AM".



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Recap:

4. Hearing God's voice produces faith.

“So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17



Hearing God's Voice

Recap:

5. There are two distinct meanings in Greek for the word, "WORD" in the Bible.

1) LOGOS WORD— in the Bible is the mind, counsel and purpose of God —ALL comprehensive. The counsel of God never changes.

Logos —is summed up in a person — Jesus Christ.



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Recap:

5. There are two distinct meanings in Greek for the word, "WORD" in the Bible

LOGOS – Jesus is the personified Logos. The Word made flesh...Incarnate.

“In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. He was [continually existing] in the beginning [co-eternally] with God.”

John 1:1-2 (AMP)



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Recap:

5. There are two distinct meanings in Greek for the word, "WORD" in the Bible

1) RHEMA – is a word that is spoken.

*“But he answered, ‘It is written,
Man shall not live on bread alone,
But on every word (Rhema) that comes from
the mouth of God.’”*

Matthew 4:4



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Recap:

5. There are two distinct meanings in Greek for the word, "WORD" in the Bible
 - So, man lives by every word that is spoken out of the mouth of God.
 - The total counsel of God (Logos) is more than our finite minds can comprehend.
 - God measures out the Logos to us in the Rhema –the word spoken to us personally over time.



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Recap:

5. There are two distinct meanings in Greek for the word, "WORD" in the Bible

Jesus said God has a Rhema for us each day.

"So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 10:17



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Recap:

6. How to Hear God's Voice?

True Fellowship with God through the dialogue
of prayer one-day-at-a-time!



Hearing God's Voice

Recap:

6. How to Hear God's Voice? (10 Key Points)

- 1) God's grace is sufficient each day, one-day-at-a-time.
- 2) Our walk each day in prayer we both speak and learn to hear.
- 3) Jesus always meets us right where we are at as we give Him our time.
- 4) With time, our prayers become more intimate, and we wait in Holy expectancy for His answer.
- 5) We learn to discern His voice –filtering our thoughts through His written word and the Holy Spirit.



Hearing God's Voice

Recap:

6. How to Hear God's Voice? (10 Key Points)

- 6) We begin to understand God can talk to us anyway He chooses.
- 7) We are building a relationship of trust in God, growing in faith.
- 8) With growing trust comes testing of our faith. It is in the pain we receive the gain.
- 9) We grow to understand His ways, His Kingdom, His love, His purposes, and His plan because we hear His voice and follow Him.
- 10) Our focus is on His voice and no other, as we finish this race He has set before us in all that He has called us to do.



TELLING YOURSELF THE TRUTH

The Why? (8 Keys)

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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)



A man with a beard, wearing a white head covering and a blue and white robe, stands in a shallow stream. In the background, a waterfall cascades down a mossy, green cliffside. The scene is lush and serene, with sunlight filtering through the trees.

*“And you will know the truth, and
the Truth will make you free.”*

John 8:32



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THE WHY?

(8 Keys)



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The Why? (8 Keys)

1. Opens the line communication with God by means of the dialogue of prayer
 - a. Brings God into perfect priority in our life
 - b. We learn to release control to the One who is ultimately in control
 - c. We learn to be in His presence in the present (moment)

1 John 5:15, 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 105:4



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The Why? (8 Keys)

2. Opens the door to developing a personal and very intimate relationship with Jesus Christ
 - a. We are not able to be truly intimate (meaning honest) with ourselves until we are intimate (meaning honest) with Christ. He knows us better than we know ourselves

John 17:3, Psalm 139:13-16



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The Why? (8 Keys)

2. Opens the door to developing a personal and very intimate relationship with Jesus Christ
 - b. Through the power of His Holy Spirit, He teaches us every step of the way
 - c. He gives us the tools, resources, gifts, and armor to overcome

John 14:26, John 16:33, 1 John 4:4



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The Why? (8 Keys)

2. Opens the door to developing a personal and very intimate relationship with Jesus Christ
 - d. This relationship creates trust in Him as we experience miraculous healing moving us from trying to believe on the outside to knowing without a shadow of doubt on the inside
 - e. Changes our perspective and focus
 - f. We walk in the fullness of salvation

John 14:6, Romans 8:5, 12:1-2



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The Why? (8 Keys)

3. Opens the door to **TRUE FREEDOM** to any bondage in our lives

- a. Freedom from continued deception
- b. Freedom from fear
- c. Freedom from defects of character (made Holy)
- d. Freedom from double-mindedness
- e. Freedom from the bondage of sin and death
- f. Release the hold of man's perfection for God's perfection

John 8:32, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Matthew 5:48



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The Why? (8 Keys)

4. Opens the door to becoming more than conquerors
 - a. Able to face not only our own Goliaths, but anything that might cross our path
 - b. Taking back what has been stolen – recompense and restoration

Romans 8:35-39, Joel 2:25, Revelation 22:12



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The Why? (8 Keys)

4. Opens the door to becoming more than conquerors
 - c. Can truly help and encourage others on their journey with Jesus
 - d. Fit for God's ultimate purpose and plan

Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Peter 5:8, Jeremiah 29:11



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The Why? (8 Keys)

5. Opens the door to powerful and effective prayer
 - a. The double-edged sword of our words directed by the Holy Spirit are refined for God's Kingdom
 - b. Able to withstand the tides of change, standing firm in Christ Jesus

Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:11



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The Why? (8 Keys)

5. Opens the door to powerful and effective prayer
 - c. Confident in the prayers that avail much
 - d. Key intercessors for family, friends, communities, nations and the world
 - e. Align with other prayer warriors through the bond of the Holy Spirit

James 5:16, Ephesians 6:18



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The Why? (8 Keys)

6. Opens the door to insight into Spiritual Warfare

- a. Revelation on whom and how we do battle
- b. Unite with Heaven's armies to usher in God's Kingdom
- c. Realize the victory was at Calvary's Cross and learn to walk out that victory
- d. Take back legal ground that was stolen by deception

Ephesians 6:12, 1 John 5:4, Galatians 2:20



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The Why? (8 Keys)

7. Opens the door to faith that pleases God
 - a. Learn to not just talk the talk, but truly walk the walk
 - b. Accomplish all that we were called to do in the time allotted – *finish the race*
 - c. Obtain the faith that fulfills every aspect of our being both in the natural and supernatural through Christ Jesus – *full measure of faith* allotted by God

Hebrews 11:6, 2Timothy 4:7, Romans 12:3, Ephesians 6:12



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The Why? (8 Keys)

8. Opens the door to preparation for ourselves and others in all that God is unfolding in these times
 - a. Stand in the peace that surpasses all understanding amidst any storm that unfolds
 - b. Steadfast focus on our Savior Jesus Christ during all tribulations –personal and otherwise
 - c. Not swayed or shaken by the confusion, deception or fear of others during turbulent times

Matthew 24:3-14



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THE HOW?
(8 Spiritual Tools)



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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

1. Tool of Surrender – *admit our powerlessness*

- a. Requires reaching the end of self
- b. Being willing to surrender control to God
- c. Being willing to hear what God says no matter how difficult
- d. Being willing to do what God says no matter how uncomfortable

Galatians 5:24, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 10:27, Isaiah 30:21



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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

2. Tool of Repentance –*seeking change*

- a. Requires true humility
- b. Willing to bring what is hidden in the darkness into the light
- c. Willing to confess “*missing the mark...SIN*”

James 4:6, John 8:12, 1 John 1:8-10



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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

3. Tool of Obedience – *“just doing it”*

- a. Requires empowerment through the Holy Spirit
- b. Being willing to step out of denial
- c. Being willing to walk in faith through pain and sorrow
- d. Being willing to address the past

Acts 2:38, Titus 2:12, Matthew 16:24, Ephesians 4:22-24



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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

4. Tool of Examination –*taking an honest look at yourself*

- a. Requires empowerment through the Holy Spirit
- b. Being willing to admit character defects
- c. Being willing to submit to change as God directs
- d. Being willing to receive deliverance from God

Ephesians 4:24, Luke 11:13, Romans 12:2, Psalm 34:17



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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

5. Tool of Forgiveness –*evaluate relationships*

- a. Requires empowerment through the Holy Spirit
- b. Being willing to bring up areas of unforgiveness
- c. Being willing to forgive and make amends
- d. Being willing to submit to the prompting of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:32, 1 John 1:9, John 14:26



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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

6. Tool of Redemption –*cleaning the closet*

- a. Requires empowerment through the Holy Spirit
- b. Being willing to walk through grief of past wrongs done to you and by you
- c. Being willing to be led by the Holy Spirit to address others who hurt you and those you hurt

John 16:13, Ephesians 1:7. Matthew 6:14-15



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The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

7. Tool of True Fellowship –*spirit of accountability and unity*

- a. Committed to fellowship with God one-day-at-a-time, every day. Prayer without ceasing...dialogue with God
- b. Requires attending Holy Spirit led meetings with fellow Believers
- c. Being willing to open-up and get honest with others in a safe Christian environment

Matthew 18:20, Hebrews 10:24-25. James 5:16



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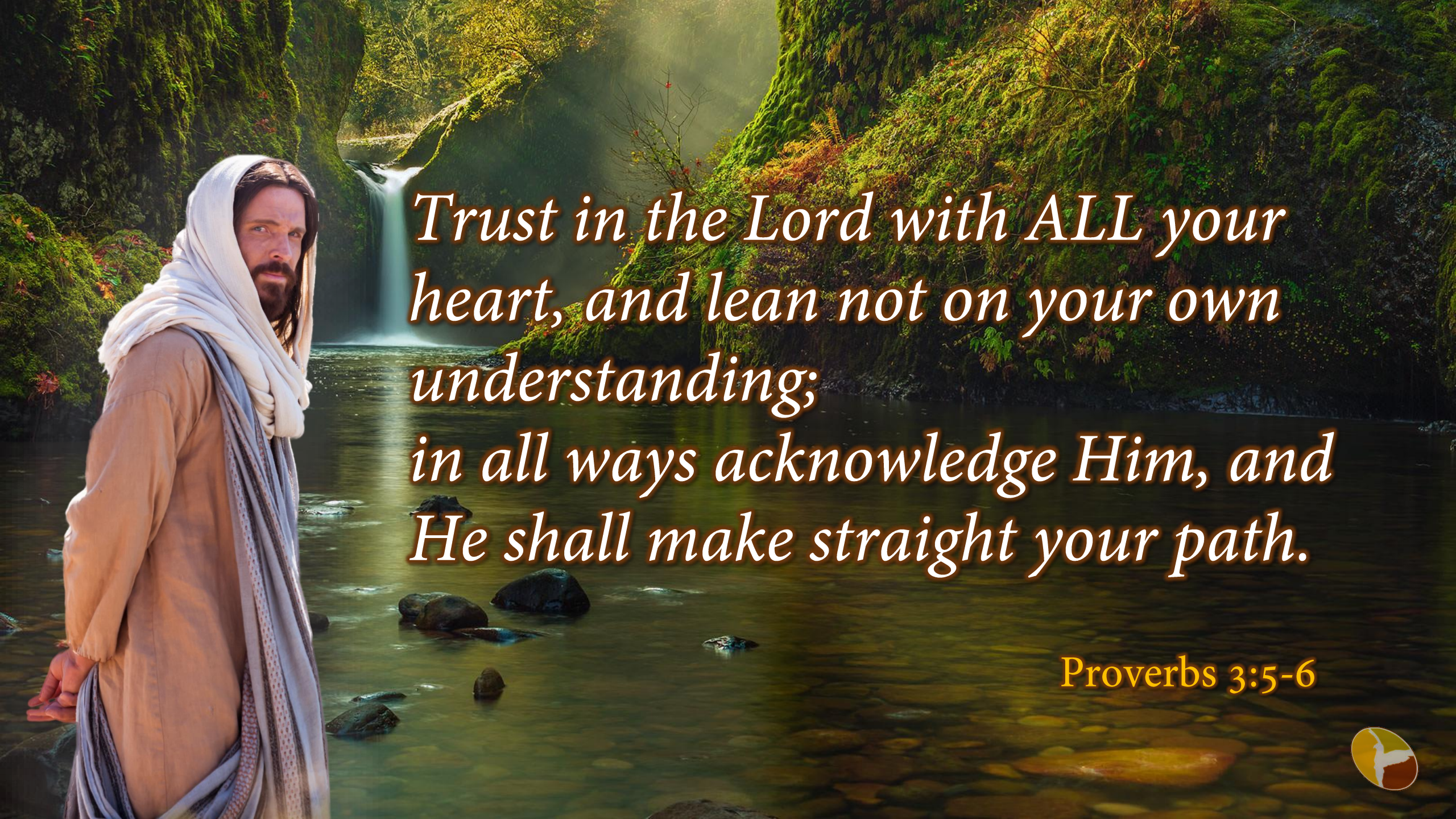
The How? (8 Spiritual Tools)

8. Tool of Servant Leadership –*helping others*

- a. Requires continued spiritual growth and maturity
- b. Being willing to turn around and encourage and support others on their journey of truth and freedom
- c. Being willing to discover your gifts and talents designed by God that may have been suppressed in the past

John 13:1-38, Romans 12:1



A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white headscarf and a brown robe, stands on the left side of the image, looking towards the camera. He is positioned in front of a waterfall cascading into a stream. The surrounding environment is a lush, mossy forest with vibrant green foliage and some autumn-colored leaves. The water in the stream is clear, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the man's figure. The overall scene is peaceful and serene, with soft lighting filtering through the trees.

Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and He shall make straight your path.

Proverbs 3:5-6





"Fighting the good fight of faith in Jesus Christ one-day-at-a-time."



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