

## A CONTINUAL CONVERSATION WITH JESUS

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Staying Free, Part 1

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**BIG IDEA: God invites you into relationship with himself through Jesus... into a conversation.**

“this is the real and eternal life: That they know you, the one and only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.”

**John 17:3** Message

“I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.” **Jeremiah 24:7** (31:33-34)

“If you really know me, you will know my Father as well.”

**John 14:7**

“I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.” **Hosea 6:6** NLT

**--You must be introduced.**

**--Knowing him means coming to him on his terms.**

**--You begin the great conversation... Prayer!**

Prayer is...

- 1) Asking, requests, expressing our wants.
- 2) Expressing feelings to God, unburdening, confessing.
- 3) Reflection on truths about God with God.
- 4) Claiming promises God has made.
- 5) Turning God's truth over and over in our minds. <sup>(meditation)</sup>
- 6) Yielding ourselves to Him in trusting surrender.
- 7) Conversing with God.

## HOW MIGHT YOU DETECT GOD COMMUNICATING?

- God speaking through his Word.
- Lectio Divina—slowly reading Scripture with God.
- Still small voice.
- Conscience nudge.
- Promptings by the Spirit
- Conversations with others
- Nature
- Sermons and small group Bible studies
- Impressions
- Visuals

**NOTE 1:** 99.9% is Clark Kent, .1% Superman.

**NOTE 2:** The sacred and the secular.

## WHAT MIGHT JESUS SOUND LIKE?

**He'll ask you questions.** (Mk. 8:27-29; John 6:67; Mt. 14:31)

**He'll call you to believe and step out in that belief.** I'd call this: Faith-filled, loving, relational obedience. (Mt. 14:28)

**He'll call you to follow him, & his ways.** (Mt. 4:19; 6:1ff; 9:9)

**He'll talk to you about what's inside you.** (Mt. 12:34; Lk. 6:45)

**He'll tell you he loves you, and affirm you.** (Jn. 15:15; 21:5)

**He'll help you know when you are sinning, grieving him, and need to turn around.** (Jn. 16:8; 5:14; 8:11)

**He'll prompt you to serve others, share with them, live generously.** (Jn. 13:1-17; Lk. 6:38)

**He'll tell you to slow down.** (Lk. 10:38-42; Jn. 8:6-8; Mk. 4:39)

**Do you know him?** His hand is extended to you right now.