

Fine Tuning

If you want to hear a particular radio program...

- You need to have a suitable receiver.
- You need to have a receiver that is in good working condition.
- You need to have or be connected to a power source.
- The power has to be ON.
- You need to be in the right waveband.
- You have to be on the right frequency.
- The volume has to be up and
- You have to be listening.

I may not hear God with my physical ear. That is not absolutely necessary. His Spirit can communicate with me using his multiple-media, all-purpose spirit mind and voice. I am able to recognize it as his voice because it is always distinctive, always the same, always consistent with God's character, wisdom and word. (See John 10:3-16.) If there is a problem, it's not from God's side.

Switching metaphors, maybe he is trying to dial my number. What if he is trying to get through to me right now! Is my spiritual "hot line" busy with someone or something else?

What is the condition of my spiritual ears? Are they blocked with the cares of this world? Am I preoccupied, distracted? Am I listening to my flesh or to his Spirit?

Yes, we can have communication with the Lord, but it has to be on his terms, not ours. We need to learn what those terms are. We may have to pay a high price for a connection to God but, whatever the cost, it's certainly worth it! (By the way, conversations with the Lord are never "long distance.")

*"I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses...
He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing...
And He walks with me/And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own..."*

Poetic license or experiential fact? ◇◇◇