

# NORTH HILLS NOTES

## HOW TO LISTEN FOR GOD

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*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.* Acts 1:12-14 (NIV)

"WHOEVER HAS EARS LET HIM LISTEN..."

1. BE OPEN to God.

*Get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts, for it is strong enough to save your soul.*  
James 1:21 (NLT)

Three reasons our minds are closed:

FEAR, PRIDE, BITTERNESS.

2. Take the TIME to listen.

*"Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray."*  
Mark 1:35 (NLT)

*"As the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."*  
Hebrews 3:7, 8 (NIV)

*"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his."*  
Hebrews 4:9,10 (NIV)

3. Get rid of the DISTRACTIONS.

*"The seed that fell among weeds stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don't mature."*  
Luke 8:14 (NIV)

*"... there was the sound of a gentle whisper."*  
1 Kings 19:12 (NLT)

4. FOLLOW God's instruction.

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*  
John 10:27 (NIV)

*"The people who are really blessed are the ones who hear and obey God's message."*  
Luke 11:28 (CEV)