



## Listen & Receive

Scripture: Mark 4:2-32

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Mark 4:2-9 (NIV)

- The greatest barrier to spiritual growth isn't that God has stopped speaking... It's that we've become distracted from listening

*"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."— Stephen Covey*

- James 1:22: *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

- Hearing God requires more than ears, it requires humility and obedience.

Mark 4:26-27 (NIV)

- God often does his deepest work in the places where we have the least visibility
- Scripture of Encouragement for your deep, dark muddy places..
- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT)

*"God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them." —John Piper*

Mark 4:28-32 (NIV)

- The Kingdom of God often begins with something that seems insignificant to us, but what we overlook, God often uses as the starting point for the very thing we've been praying for.
- The problem isn't that God isn't working; the problem is that we've become conditioned to overlook the small ways He chooses to work
- 4 questions to wrestle with this week:
  1. What is God saying that you need to receive?
  2. What is God doing that you need to trust?
  3. What has God placed in your hands that you need to be faithful with?
  4. What is God trying to work out in your life?



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