

## **Give Him a Call!**

The phone was a great invention. How easy its to press a few numbers on our small devices and speak to someone the other side of the world. There was a time when a phone in a home was a luxury item. Now, it seems, we take it for granted that we have a gadget in our pocket enabling us to contact anyone, at any time, in any place. However, how many times have you wanted to speak to someone, only to be given a recorded message giving a variety of options? Then you have to wait in a queue for ages before your call is answered. Sometimes a voice informs you 'your call is important to us' .....but meanwhile you are left waiting, listening to endless music.

Yes, a phone may be useful in all kinds of circumstances, but they can also be very frustrating! So, it's good to know that God can be contacted immediately we need Him. There is no celestial call centre where our messages are delayed or referred. With prayer we can all God directly. This service is free with no charges. He hears our every call and we can be confident that our Creator will answer us in ways which are only for our good.

*"When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond." (Isaiah 58:9)*

Have you ever thought of taking some time out of daily life, to simply "be still" with God? To hear His voice, enjoy His presence, and perhaps receive His direction for your future? When I mentioned to a friend that I was taking some time out to "be still" and listen to God, she startled me with her reply : "What does His voice sound like?"

The made me think. And response is this : His voice for me is always calming, always reassuring, it always makes me feel overwhelmingly loved. It always gives me a sense of peace, which is deeper than any pain and stronger than any fear. No wonder the Scriptures talk of a "peace that passes all understanding!"

He speaks to me through His word, the Bible. Then, as I sit in my "prayer chair", a rocking chair by my window looking out at the world, He gently whispers His instructions through all of nature, it sounds a bit like this.....

The blue sky says; "Always look up", the Sun says; "Shine", the birds say; "Sing", the trees say; "be fruitful", the flowers say; "consider the Lilies", the open road ahead says; "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel", the gentle rustle of the wind in the trees says; "Though your can't see My face, you can hear Me, see reflections of Me, feel Me, touch Me and know me through all I create, if you just take the time to be still!"

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