

# Can You Hear Me Now?

How to recognize God's voice and respond in obedience.

I was driving down a busy street when my cell phone rang. Fumbling for my phone, I snatched it up and pushed it against my ear.

"Hello?" I was greeted with loud static. Through the electronic interference I could barely make out the muffled sounds of a woman's voice. I strained to hear her words.

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## Dude, Where's My Mission?

Can't seem to find a purpose for your life? It could be that you haven't embraced the muscular side of your faith.

Many men in the church today are missing something. They are unable to handle the blazing arrows that fly sizzling at their hearts. They are ill-equipped to handle the unsavory side of leadership, such as standing up for what is right when it is within their power to do so (see Prov. 3:27).

They lack the inner lion that needs to roar to protect others, the way the apostle Paul roared at false teaching that threatened to choke the early church. They lack the steadfast power they need to combat a world at war with truth.

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# **My Mission to China**

The memoirs of Hudson Taylor remind us of the risks and rewards of obeying the call.

**Shortly after my conversion, I retired to my own chamber to spend time in communion with God, pouring out my soul before Him. I was a child under the age of 16, but I remember the occasion well.**

As an outlet for my love and gratitude for God, I sought for Him to give me a self-denying service, no matter what it might be.

I put myself, my life, my friends—my all—upon the altar. A deep solemnity came over my soul with the assurance that my offering was accepted.

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# **There's a Warrior In You**

Why are so many Christian men today defeated by sin? It's because they've never enlisted for spiritual battle.

Like so many typical churchgoing guys, Ben admits that he struggles in his relationship with God. He tries to maintain a consistent prayer life, but too often he sleeps through his alarm and ends up having morning devotions during his harried commute to work. He made Bible study a goal, but he keeps

falling asleep while reading the Word because he feels so tired after a hard day at the office.

Then there's that nagging lust problem. Ben once confessed to a friend at church that he peeks at online pornography. What he didn't admit was that he regularly entertains sexual fantasies—and that these impure thoughts trigger continual guilt. As a result of his shame, he withholds feelings from his wife—which is causing an uneasy coldness in his marriage.

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## **Somebody Loves the Sisters**

Two African American women who survived breast cancer have started a ministry to help women who face the dreaded disease.

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## **A Father to the Fatherless**

It breaks Joe Loyal's heart that so many kids today don't have two parents. That's why the Georgia retiree now spends all of his time reaching kids in lower-class neighborhoods.

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# **It's Not About Us**

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## **Sometimes Love Comes in Boxes**

From a converted Circuit City store in Florida, Ray Hall, a retired Air Force veteran, sends Christian books and Bibles to inmates nationwide.

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## **A Tough Guy With a Tender Heart**

Former prizefighter Charlie Muller now fights with devils in Albany, New York—where he uses a converted ambulance to save souls.

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## **The House That Hope Built**

Former drug addict Manuel 'Manny' Álvarez is rebuilding lives and transforming the streets of Miami.