



LOUDEST WHISPER

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Gentle whisper

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

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¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1 Kings 19:11-13 (NIV)

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Jesus "by himself to pray"

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Matthew 14:22-24 (NIV)

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know the Shepherd's voice

² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

John 10:2-5 (NIV)

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know the Shepherd's voice

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15 (NIV)

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how loud is His whisper in your heart?

Determined and measured by:

- intimacy or closeness*
- priority or deemed importance*
- responsiveness – the time it takes to be obedient*

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Something has to go

“There is no substitute for being alone with God. If you don’t have time, you need to quit something to make room. Skip a meal. Cancel a meeting. End some regular commitment. There is literally nothing more important you could do today.

What plans do you have today that you think so important that you would race past the Creator to get to them?”

Francis Chan

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⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:8 (ESV)

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Hindrances

// Doubt
makes you question God and His goodness

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Hindrances

Doubt //

// Discouragement
makes you look at your problems rather than God

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Hindrances

Doubt //
Discouragement //

// Diversion
makes the wrong things seem attractive so that we
want them more than the right things

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Hindrances

Doubt //
Discouragement //
Diversion //

// Defeat
makes you feel like a failure so that you don't even
try

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Hindrances

Doubt //
Discouragement //
Diversion //
Defeat //

// Delay
makes you put off doing something God wants you
to do so that it never gets done

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What to do?

Repent //
Run to Him //
Rest in Him //
Respond to Him //

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*Mighty Warrior
quieting you by His love*

*For the LORD your God is living among you. He is
a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with
gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears.
He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*

Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT)

'Mighty Warrior who saves' – NIV

'he will quiet you by His love' – ESV

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