

## JOINING JESUS » SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Can We Talk?

Real life: What relationship develops without (communication)?

Awkward: What about when the person doesn't (talk back)? Prayer seems one-sided.

Reminder:

The Trinity – We pray “(through)” Jesus the Son to God the Father who “(speaks)” to us through the Holy Spirit.

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“God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.”

-Henry Blackaby: Experiencing God

### **Romans 8:26-27 NLT**

*“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.”*

Try this: Pray through Jesus to God with open ended questions and then (listen)...

### **Matthew 6:9-13 NIV 84**

*This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”*

Lord, how am I living for my kingdom and not for your kingdom? Listen...

Lord, when do I act like it all depends on me and I forget that you provide my needs? Listen...

Lord, who am I not done forgiving? Listen...

Lord, what temptation am I not asking you to help me resist? Listen...

What next step will you take to improve your communication with God?