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LORD,  
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## **Part 2**

# **Understanding Why We Must Listen in Prayer**

# **Matthew 16:13**

**When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”**

# Matthew 16:14

**“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”**

# Matthew 16:15

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

# Matthew 16:16

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

# **Matthew 16:17**

**Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.**

# Matthew 16:18

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.



# Matthew 16:19

And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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# **Principle #2**

**God illuminates and reveals Himself and His perfect will to His people, most regularly, through His Word, through Christ, through relationship, and through prayer.**

# Principle #3

**Perhaps the most neglected aspect of the lost art of prayer is listening to the voice of God.**



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# **Future Perfect Passive**

**This tense is being used to communicate the fact that when we correctly listen to God whatever we choose to do on earth will simply be a reflection of what has already been decided in the past in Heaven.**

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# Principle #5

**God wants to talk to you.**

**He wants to guide you.**

**But you have to listen  
and then you have to obey.**

# Principle #6

**There's a huge difference between not being able to hear God's voice when you are actively listening and claiming you're not hearing anything when you are receiving an answer you don't want to hear.**

# **Principle #7**

**Whatever it is that we think or believe is coming from God must be thoroughly evaluated and tested.**



**Evaluating and Testing  
Our 2023 Proposals -  
Resolutions**

# Proposal #1

**By the end of 2023 we will become a local church whose main power and first level of unity is derived from and through prayer.**

# **Proposal #6**

**Our desire and goal to be a praying church will be owned and exemplified by almost everyone who comes and stays to be a part of the Living Hope Fellowship family.**

# **Proposal #7**

**By the end of 2023, 80% of our church will be doing 100% of the work when it comes to praying for each other, for the lost, and for the Lord to use us for His honor, glory, and praise.**

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