# YOU'RE --- INVITED

- "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
  Come, buy wine and milk
  without money and without cost.
- Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

### Isaiah 55:1-3 NIV

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I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.





To be invited to listen is an invitation to conversation and learning.

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#### Isaiah 55:2b-3a NIV

In the original Hebrew, the word translated "incline" or "give ear" means to **stretch** your ear out. God is saying make your ear **bigger** and **bigger** so you can hear what God wants to say to you.



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John 8:43 NASB

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#### 2 Timothy 8:43 NLT

<sup>3</sup>For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.

<sup>4</sup>They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

We need to <u>cultivate</u> a sensitivity to God's <u>whispers</u> and prompting, attuning our ears and hearts to His gentle voice. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

#### 1 Kings 19:11-12 NIV

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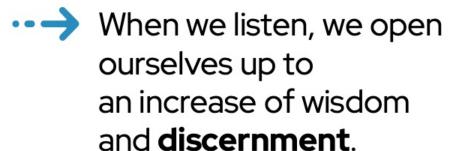
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When we listen, we open ourselves up to receive a full abundant, fulfilling life. <sup>10</sup>The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to Samuel:

#### 1 Samuel 3:10-11a NIV

