
BRAAM FAMILY



Hearing From God, Guided By God

Psalms 32:8-9



The above scripture highlights the nature of God, it points out the fact that He wants to be involved in our everyday life. He wants to instruct and counsel us. He doesn't want us to live life off human instincts or live without understanding but off His instruction. His instructions are two folds; the first part is the instruction itself and the second part is how to carry out the instruction. So He instructs you and then He empowers you to carry out that instruction. Every instruction comes with guidance, and that's because it's impossible to carry out His instruction by human senses or without His understanding.

The best guide that there is, is the word of God. The Psalmist writes "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path" (Psalms 119:105). We need to rely on the word of God as our instruction manual, we need to know what the word of God is saying so that we don't guess His will. It is important to immerse ourselves in the word of God to gain understanding.

The word of God lights up our path and bring clarity on what direction we ought to take. Every believer needs to be trained on how to listen to His voice in His word. Let us not give room for stubbornness, because it will become a stumbling block in the route that God is guiding us. If God leads you somewhere, do not make it difficult for Him to use you. As a Christian, one of your main goals should be to grow in faith while cultivating your relationship with God to gain an understanding of His instructions.

We are faced with decisions every day because life is made up of choices. Some decisions require deeper reflection from us and do not need to be taken lightly. There are decisions one can take impulsively, and the consequences won't have a lasting impact. But there are also other decisions one makes that requires thought and time, and these decisions will impact us until the end of our lifetime.



This is where reflection and time investment is required. In such moments, there is a greater need to pinpoint what God is saying. Instructions can come in different ways and it may take time through praying, seeking and searching the ways of God. Because the bottom line is that we need to hear Him. We hear him by prayer, spending time in the word, listening to preaching. God can speak through people, so be alert. God speaks as well through signs (Isaiah 7:11).

When we are seeking the ways of God, there are a lot of things we need to be on the lookout for (Proverbs 14:12). God will show us the path of life and He wants to be involved in our decisions (Psalms 16:11). Consult God in your decisions, He has been there before you and knows better. He is all-knowing, the Bible says in Psalms 147:5 (ESV) "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure."

There are certain things or places that God didn't give you and it would be a dangerous thing to try to manipulate situations or bend the arm of God. That's why we need to have an understanding of God's ways. Try to do everything with God. We also need to check our motivations. What pushes you to do what you are doing? We should never cover bad motives with good acts. When you seek the will and ways of God, let it come from a genuine place.

When we do not check our motivations, it may lead to wrongful convictions and you'll be confused thinking that it is God. Check the condition of your heart (Proverbs 17:3). There are many things you need to consider when you are waiting on God to answer you. You can seek advice from trusted people, those who have experience (plans fail for lack of counsel). You need to pray for the people you go to for advice so that they don't advise you with human understanding but with godly wisdom. As Christians, we need to have people with whom we share and pray with. It is not a walk alone journey. It is better to ask people to pray with us rather than pray for us. When you are seeking advisers, check their track record (Hebrew 13:7).

The choices you make today may not derail you from making to heaven, but it can make your life on earth feel like hell (Proverbs 14:12). That should sober us to value the choices we make. Just because you can do something or go somewhere doesn't mean that you should. God is everywhere but he doesn't act everywhere. You need to know where to set your foot. Do not force things, get God's go ahead first. When you have something in your heart, bring this to God. Get His approval first. Your life's journey is not a Chuck Norris movie - you can't go at it alone. Life is more like the expendables- there are people for different parts of the journey that you walk with hand in hand. Allow the voice of God to be the loudest in your life and be willing to obey.