Here's the "How To"

How to come **Out of the Darkness** of listening to the wrong voices **Into the Light** of following God's voice:

Romans 8:12-14 "So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you keep on following it, you will perish. But if through the power of the Holy Spirit you turn from it and its evil deeds, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."

John 8:32 "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Galatians 5:1 "So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law."

Romans 12:2 "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is."

Galatians 5:16 "So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves."

#1 Ask God to show me when I'm hearing any voice but His.

Psalm 5:8 "Lead **me** in the right path, O LORD, or my enemies will conquer **me**. Tell **me** clearly what to do, and **show me** which way to turn."

Romans 8:12 "So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do."

Genesis 4:76 "... sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

#2 When you show me that I'm hearing a different voice other than yours, please empower me to turn and talk to you.

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Romans 8:1 "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." God's voice would never condemn!

#3 Lord, help me to cry out to you without holding back no matter how large or small it is.

Psalm 77:1 "I cry out to God without holding back."

Psalm 27:8 My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming." **Isaiah 1:18** "Come, now, let us reason together says the Lord."

Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

#4 Lord, remind me that while I'm talking to You, You are following right behind clearing the temple.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness." (He is clearing and cleansing the temple as we talk it out and over with Him)

Luke 19:45-46 "Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, saying to them, It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves'."

Acts 7:48 "However, the Most High doesn't live in temples made by human hands." We are His house now.

#5 Lord, help me not to leave my conversation & pour out to You until I experience life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6 "Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things. But those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. If the sinful nature controls your mind there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind there is **life and peace."**

Philippians 4:6-7 "Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God and the peace of God that surpasses all comprehension shall guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus."

Luke 6:47-48 "I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then obeys me. It is like a person who builds a house on a strong foundation laid upon the underlying rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who listens and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will crumble into a heap of ruins."

#6 Lord, thank you that now I can join the Father and the Son in prayer about the circumstance that just happened or what I just heard...now praying in the power of the spirit with the mind of Christ...because after pouring out to God we have been cleansed (1 John 1:9) 2 Thessalonians 2: pray without ceasing.

Matthew 26:41 "Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you. For though the spirit is willing enough, the body is weak!"

Ephesians 1:16 "I have never stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly."

Luke 22:44 "He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood."

Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

Col 4:12 "He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident of the whole will of God."

#7 Conclusion

1. Pouring out, talking to God in Prayer....This is the work of God's kingdom.

Colossians 1:9 "So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what he wants to do in your lives, and we ask him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and you will continually do good, kind things for others. All the while, you will learn to know God better and better. We also pray that you will be strengthened with his glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy."

2. How do you pray without ceasing....With all your inner conversations, change your audience to God. He is not asking you to stop talking, but to change your audience to Him...talk to Him all the time instead. This is how you pray without ceasing. Can you imagine if you are not talking to yourself....how much you will be talking to Him! Again, this is how you pray without ceasing!

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."

3. This is how God uses us in Kingdom work to be a solution to the problem.

Colossians 4:17 "Be sure to carry out the work the Lord gave you."

4. This is how intimacy with God is nurtured and how it develops.

Psalm 27:8 "My heart has heard you say, come and talk with Me and my heart responds, Lord, I am coming." **Colossians 2:6** "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him."