

## HOW DO WE NAVIGATE GOD'S SILENCE?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.*  
Psalm 22:1-2 (NLT)
2. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ and on \_\_\_\_\_ for you.  
*Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.*  
Psalm 22:3-5 (NRSV)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*  
Acts 2:42 (NIV)
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
Matthew 28:20 (NIV)  
  
*For I am convinced that neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*I have fought a good fight. I have finished the work I was to do. I have kept the faith. There is a crown which comes from being right with God. The Lord, the One Who will judge, will give it to me on that great day when He comes again. I will not be the only one to receive a crown.*  
2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NLT)



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## WHAT ARE SOME REASONS FOR GOD'S SILENCE?

- A desire for deeper** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.* Psalm 46:10 (NIV)
- To** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ **us**  
*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline...He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.* 2 Timothy 1:7, 9 (NIV)
- God** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* James 1:22 (NIV)
- To** \_\_\_\_\_ **our** \_\_\_\_\_  
*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.* Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)
- To** \_\_\_\_\_ **us of our** \_\_\_\_\_  
*The Lord will not hear me if I hold on to sin in my heart.* Psalm 66:18 (NLT)  
  
*Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.* James 4:8 (NLT)
- God's silence is** \_\_\_\_\_ **a bad sign!**

## Answer key

### WHAT ARE SOME REASONS FOR GOD'S SILENCE?

A desire for deeper INTIMACY

To MATURE and PREPARE us

God HAS ALREADY SPOKEN

To BREAK our STRONGHOLDS

To CONVICT us of our SIN

God's silence is NEVER a bad sign!

### HOW DO WE NAVIGATE GOD'S SILENCE?

1. TELL GOD HOW YOU FEEL
2. Focus on WHO GOD IS and on WHAT GOD HAS DONE for you.
3. GO BACK TO THE BASICS
4. TRUST GOD'S PROMISES
5. KEEP THE FAITH