

# I want you connected to God's power...

*That's why you need open ears to hear what He's saying to you...*



*Hearing  
and doing  
what God says  
connects you to  
His power*

Dear Partner,

I want to share a story with you...

There was a boy who grew up in the country. A friend of his lived in the city. One day, the country boy went to visit his city friend. As they walked the busy city streets, observing all the hustle and bustle, the country boy suddenly heard a familiar sound. He said to his city friend, "I believe I hear a cricket." He looked around and then reached into a crack at the base of a nearby building and pulled out a little black cricket.

His city friend said, "That's amazing! How could you possibly hear a cricket with all the noise around here?" The country boy said, "It's not so amazing." Then he pulled a silver dollar from his pocket, flipped it in the air, and watched it land on the sidewalk. As it hit the ground ringing, everyone near enough to hear the sound of the coin turned to look. Then the country boy said to his city friend, "Hearing is not too hard. It just depends on what you're listening for."

God has shown me FIVE THINGS that I believe He wants to bring into your life in 2010: 1) A New Vision, 2) **Open Ears to Hear God's Voice**, 3) Righteousness for You to Flourish, 4) Growth Like a Cedar in Lebanon, and 5) A New Commitment to the House of the Lord. In my last letter, I wrote about new vision for you... I believe God has amazing and wonderful plans for you this year, and He desires strongly to bring His plans to pass in your life.

But I also believe that if you want to see this new vision come to pass, you have to DO something about it. I believe **you need to hear clearly from God about what to do and how to do it, every step of the way**. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He SHALL direct your paths." You are a child of God, and He wants to direct your steps, so that you can succeed in life and accomplish all the good things He has planned for you in 2010.

Partner, you need to hear God's voice as you pursue His vision for your life. Whatever desires God has given you, you need to hear from Him about how to achieve what you're believing for. If you want to see miracles in your family, finances, relationships, job...in every area of your life...then **you need to HEAR what God is saying to you, and you need to DO what He SAYS. That's how you connect to His power. Remember, it's His power—His anointing—that brings change into your life.**

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Think about this... The first recorded miracle that Jesus performed was at a wedding he attended in Cana. The hosts of the wedding ran out of wine, and Jesus' mother, Mary, urged Him to do something about it. Then she turned to the servants and said, "*Whatever He SAYS to you, DO it*" (John 2:5).

That's exactly what those servants did. **They LISTENED to what Jesus told them, and then they DID what He SAID.** And *that's how they received the miracle they needed!* The servants at the wedding experienced the *supernatural* that day...they suddenly had more than enough wine to supply the rest of the wedding feast. And **their miracle began when they had open ears to HEAR what Jesus said.**

I believe that 2010 is your year to open up your ears and LISTEN like never before to hear the voice of the Lord. This year can be a year of great miracles for you! But hearing from God doesn't happen by accident. You must make a decision to listen for His voice every day. James 4:8 says, *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.* You must open yourself up and draw near to Him if you want to hear Him.

Now, you may say, "*That's easier said than done, Richard. How do I hear what God is saying to me?*" That's exactly why I'm writing you this letter... I want to give you some principles of DRAWING CLOSE TO GOD that I believe will help you to have open ears so you can hear Him speaking to you.

**PRINCIPLE 1: If you want to hear God's voice, you must take time to seek Him.** Psalm 63:1-2 says, *O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You... So I have looked for You...to see Your power and Your glory.* King David spent time with God in prayer...in good times and bad. That's what made him powerful and successful and pleasing to the Lord. That's how he found answers to his needs.

When you pray, don't be afraid to tell God what your need is. Talk to Him about it. Tell Him what you're believing for. In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says, "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone HEARS My voice and OPENS the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*" He's ready to come into your life... **He's simply waiting for an invitation.** So when you pray, invite Him to answer you. Expect Him to answer you, and be ready to LISTEN to HIM when He speaks to you. Thank Him for the answers you need, even before you receive them. Your faith is precious to God, and it pleases Him. You can trust Him... He *wants* to answer you.

Set aside time each day to spend with the Lord. Personally, I like to get up before dawn to pray. My day gets busy fast, and I don't want to miss my time with God...or the opportunity to pray for you and everyone who is connected to this ministry. I start off with praise and worship. Then I pray. And then I stop and give God a chance to speak.

Simply put, that's what prayer is... **Prayer is simply a conversation between you and God.** *It's you talking to God, and God talking to you.* When I spend time with God, He and I take turns... I talk, then God talks. God talks, then I talk. It's a two-way conversation. Hearing from God is a lot like hearing from other people. You've got to pause long enough to hear Him. **You can't hear Him talking if you don't give Him a chance to speak.**

**PRINCIPLE 2: If you want to hear God's voice, you must make time to read and study the Bible.** God's Word isn't just print on paper. It's alive, it's active, it's energizing, it's effective, and it's sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). The answers for life's problems are found in the Bible, and if you'll take time to study, you can find the Scripture verse that applies to your situa-

tion. And this becomes easier to do as you dedicate time every day to read and learn what the Bible has to say. You may want to start with the Gospels, because they show you Jesus in action.

Also, the more familiar you are with God's Word, the easier it will be for you to recognize His voice when He speaks to you. I like to say that God writes like He talks, and He talks like He writes. What I mean is that He is consistent. He won't tell you one thing in the Bible, and the opposite thing during your prayer time. He is always the same (Hebrews 13:8). When God speaks to you, He'll say things that are consistent with the truths found in His Word. That's one way for you to know that you're hearing from Him, so you can have the confidence you need as you step out in obedience to what He's telling you to do.

**PRINCIPLE 3: If you want to hear God's voice, you must place your focus on Him.** We live in a world that makes it hard to focus. There are so many distractions...so many voices trying to speak to you every day. It's easy to get distracted. ***But you have the power to choose what you listen to and what you ignore.*** Don't allow the noise of this world, your anxious thoughts, or the opinions of other people to get so loud that they drown out God's voice.

Do you remember the story of Peter walking on the water in Matthew 14? It was a windy night, and the disciples were out in their boat. Jesus came to them, walking on the water. The other disciples were afraid, but Peter said, "I want to be able to do that." Jesus TOLD Peter to come to Him. When Peter HEARD what Jesus said, he stepped out of the boat.

Peter experienced a miracle! He walked on the water... **as long as he kept his focus upon Jesus.** But as soon as he looked at the storm that was raging...as soon as he got his focus off of Jesus, he began to sink. Jesus had to save him. In fact, Peter prayed a three-word prayer: "Lord, save me!" What happened? Peter got his focus off of Jesus, and it got him in trouble. Thankfully, if you find yourself distracted...and believe me, we all do at times...you don't have to stay distracted. Instead, repent to God for getting distracted. Then, set your focus on Him, and start listening again—just like Peter did.

**PRINCIPLE 4: If you want to hear God's voice, you must become familiar with the different ways God speaks.** God can speak to you in many ways. First of all, ***He speaks through His Word.*** I talked about it in Principle 2 above, but it bears repeating. The Bible is not just a book; it's God's Word written for you, and it contains answers that will help you in life.

Second, ***He speaks through what the Bible calls the still, small voice.*** Elijah learned about the still, small voice in 1 Kings 19. He was running for his life because Jezebel had put out a death contract on him. He hid out in a cave, frustrated and depressed, and God had to tell him to come out. There was an earthquake, and then there was a wind, and there was a fire. But the Bible says God was not in any of those things. In other words, He wasn't speaking through those things. Then suddenly, Elijah heard God's still, small voice deep inside him.

You may be asking, "*What is the still, small voice? How do I recognize it?*" As a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit inside you. He'll lead you if you'll allow Him to lead you. He'll show you which way to go. You may sense a nudge in a certain direction, or a quick sense of what you should do, or a quick thought or idea that comes to you. The still, small voice is from God, so it will be consistent with His Word. It will match the vision He's given you. It will reflect His values. It will create peace inside you. That voice will speak something good to you. And as you practice hearing and obeying that voice, it will become easier for you to recognize it.

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Sometimes, you get a “knowing on the inside,” and it just keeps coming and coming and coming. That’s God, witnessing to your inner spirit. Often, when God gives me a word of knowledge about someone who has sickness or disease, it seems like the voice is so small. But I know the voice of God, because I know the One who’s speaking. I’ve practiced listening to His still, small voice, so I’ve grown better at hearing it. And this privilege isn’t reserved just for me, or just for ministers. **God wants you to hear His still, small voice so He can lead you as you make your daily decisions** on the job, in your home, and everywhere you go.

*Another way God speaks is through supernatural means*...such as dreams, visions, and prophetic words. God may give you dreams and visions at times to show you what He wants to do in your life or to set you on the right path. If a dream or vision is from Him, it will be consistent with His Word, His values, His ways of doing things.

**I believe 2010 is going to be a great and mighty year for you!** I’m praying that you will not only hear more clearly from the Lord than you’ve ever heard before, but also that you’ll get exactly the direction you need, and that you’ll do what God says to do as you walk out the new vision He has for you this year. I encourage you to tune in to my television program, *The Place for Miracles*, where I’ll continue to encourage you with God’s Word as you seek to hear from Him in 2010.

I set my faith with you right now, in the authority of Jesus’ name, that you will have a listening ear...that you’ll make a decision and say right now, “God, I’m going to have a listening ear. I’m going to hear Your voice through all the different ways that You speak, and I’m going to be obedient. I’m going to do what You say do, in Jesus’ mighty name.” Amen and Amen!

Now, after we’ve prayed, I want to issue a challenge—ask the Lord what He would have you sow as a seed of your faith into this healing ministry. Believe me, if you’ll ask, He will show you... Then obey Him. Fill out your enclosed prayer sheet immediately. I’ll be waiting to hear from you, so I can hold your name and needs in my hands and join my faith with yours for everything you’re believing God for.

Remember, also, to pray for this ministry. Thank you so much for your partnership. Your financial support and prayers undergird this healing ministry in all we do.

Your partner for miracles,



# A Word from Richard Roberts



Partner,

I believe God has amazing plans for you in 2010! And He wants to reveal to you what you need to do to bring those plans to pass in a great and mighty way. That's why I'm believing God for you to hear His voice more clearly than ever before... You need to HEAR what He is saying to you, and you need to DO what He SAYS. *That's how you connect to His power...the power that can bring change into your life.*

I encourage you to give God your best as you listen to what He is saying to you. Take time to **seek Him in prayer**... Make time to **read and study the Bible**... Place your **focus on Him**... and **become familiar with the different ways He speaks to you**. I believe that as you apply these principles in your life and listen for God's voice, it will become easier for you to hear Him and get exactly the direction you need as you walk out the new vision He has for you this year. !— *RR*

## I want to hear God's voice in 2010!

Richard, please join your faith with mine as we believe God together that I will hear from Him and receive the answers I need. I am believing God for open ears to hear Him clearly in the following area(s) of my life: [Click here to send me your prayer request online.](#)

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