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God's desire for us, first and foremost, is to be secure in His love for us. We must always remember:

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Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.

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13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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## Romans 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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## **John 10:27**

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

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# We Must Make Room for God.

## Revelation 1:10

10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

# Three Hinderances to Hearing God.

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2. Not taking time to wait and listen for God to speak.
3. Blatantly living in unrepentant sin.

# We Must Agree with God.

## James 4:6

6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

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