

HOW TO KNOW GOD WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU HEBREWS 12:1-4

Introduction – the frustration of inability to communicate

I. GOD DESIRES TO COMMUNICATE

- A. From the beginning
- B. Repeatedly
- C. In multi-media
- D. In plain language

II. GOD HAS SAVED HIS BEST COMMUNICATION FOR LAST

- A. Introducing the Son
- B. Seven things that set Jesus apart
 - 1. his ownership
 - 2. his role in creation
 - 3. his radiant glory
 - 4. his exact correspondence
 - *John 14:6*
 - 5. his sustaining power
 - 6. his purification for sins
 - *Hebrews 2:17; 8:12; 9:26,27; 10:12,18,22*
 - 7. his preeminent position
- C. Better than an angel

III. HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS DECEMBER 22-28

Follow-throughs

Here are some more passage that speak about the preeminence of Jesus, as God's ultimate means of communication. During this Christmas week, meditate on these passages and think of Christmas carols that celebrate some of these same truths.

Monday	John 1:1-18
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-20
Wednesday	Colossians 2:9-15
Thursday	Revelation 1:1-18
Friday	Revelation 5:1-14

Warm-ups

Saturday **John 14: 6-9**

Is Jesus saying here that we can know what God is like by learning about Jesus? Think about the birth of Christ. Think of the setting God chose for Jesus. Poor and Humble...Do you think of God as poor and humble? How might this encourage you?

Sunday **Philippians 2: 5-11**

Imagine Jesus sitting on His throne and being worshiped by the seraphim. Imagine what Jesus' thoughts were the 10 seconds before he left the throne and entered into the womb of Mary as a mass of cells dependent on a teenage girl to bring him to life? What do you imagine God's last words were to Jesus?