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A LISTENING HEART

"Hear, O My people, and I will speak" **PSALM 50:7 (ESV)**

Mark it down; things do not "just happen." Ours is not a random, whistle-in-thedark universe. There is a God-arranged plan for this world of ours, which includes a specific plan for you. And through every ordinary day and every extraordinary moment, there is a God who constantly seeks you.

You're walking through [life] and you suddenly encounter one event among the countless myriad of events that happen every day and every night. All of a sudden, life changes. Something's different. And never doubt it! The God who loves us and redeemed us uses those moments to advance His purposes.

He doesn't speak vocally from heaven, shouting down His Word at you. **He uses** His Book, He uses His people, and He uses events in your life. And through the blending of those unusual events, He says, "Listen to Me. . . . Pay attention, and I will speak to you. Answer My call, and I will use you."

All that is needed is a hushed spirit and a listening heart. Amen.

Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication

Swindoll, Charles R. Wisdom for the Way

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 — 20

