



# Not So Quiet Time

John 10:1-5

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## Hebrews 12:1–2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.





## John 10:1–2

Very truly I tell you  
Pharisees, anyone who  
does not enter the  
sheep pen by the gate,  
but climbs in by some  
other way, is a thief and  
a robber. The one who  
enters by the gate is the  
shepherd of the sheep.



## John 10:3–5

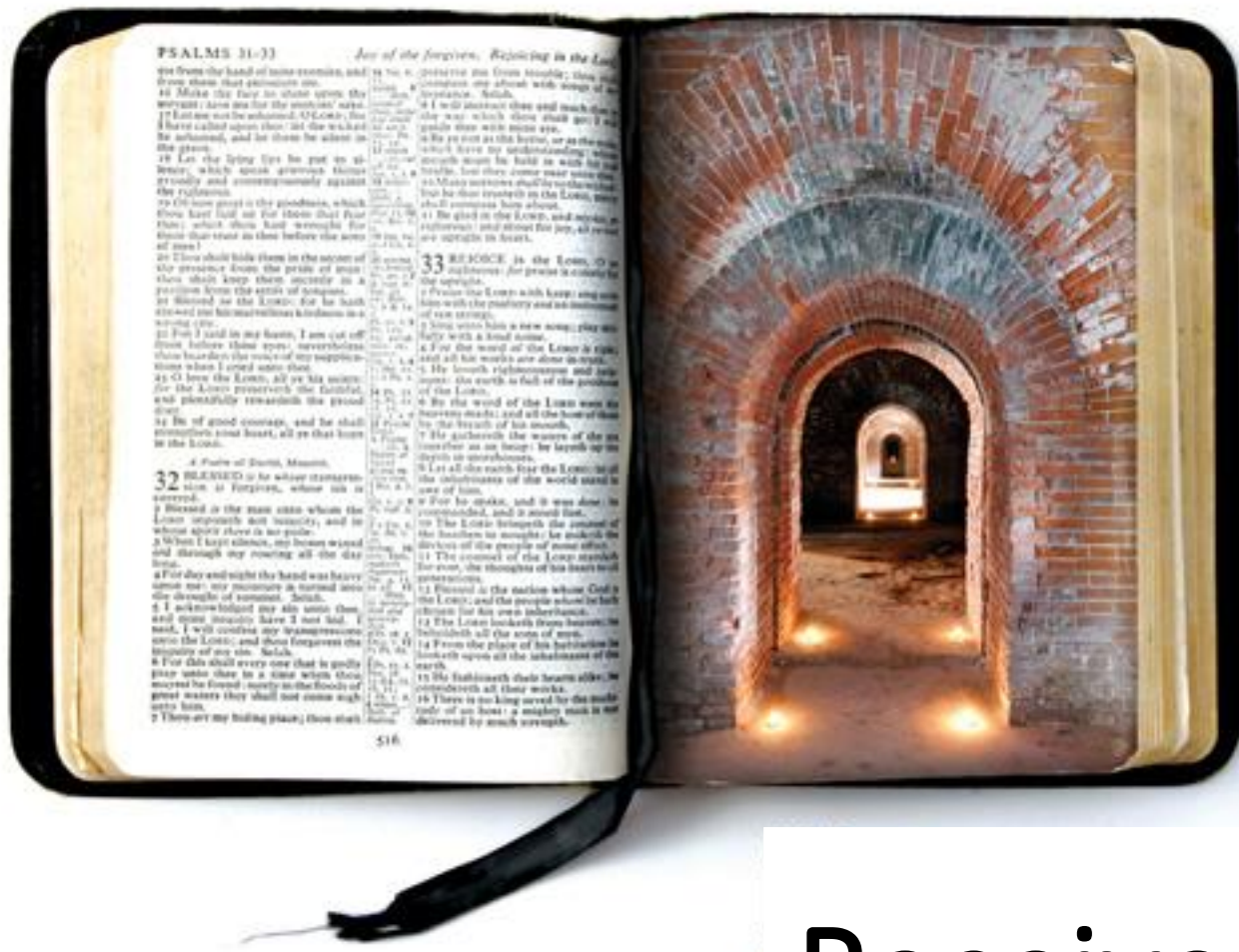
The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.



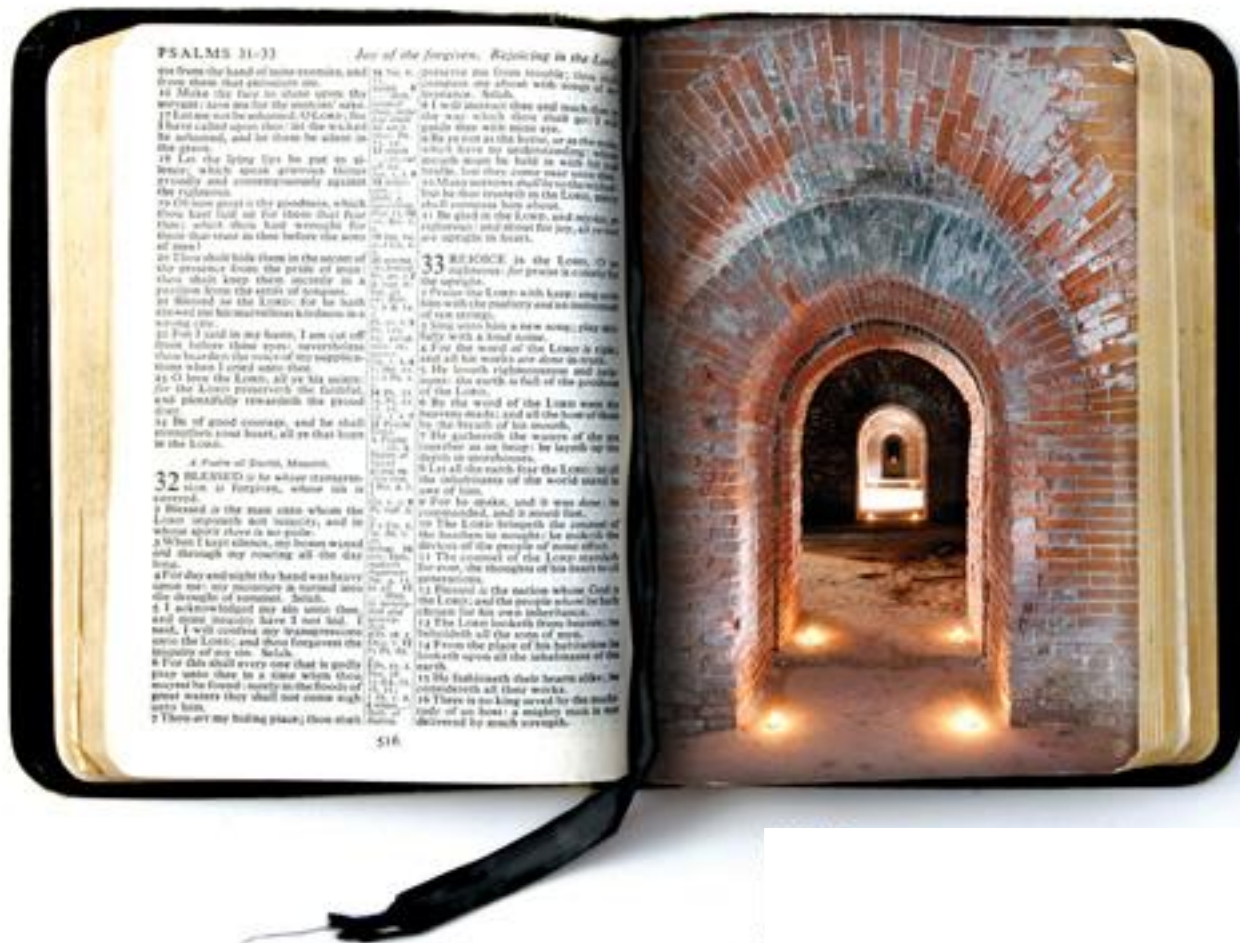


**Spend Time  
Getting To Know  
Jesus**





Receive God's Word.  
Respond in a Personal Way.



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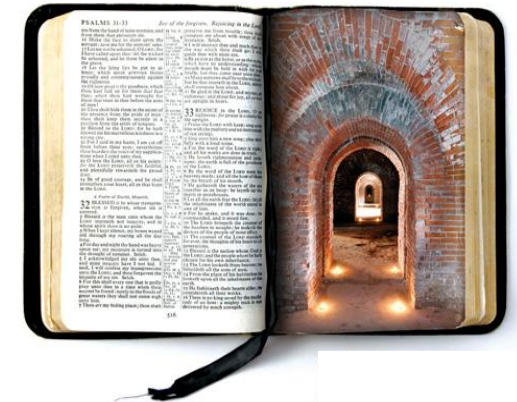


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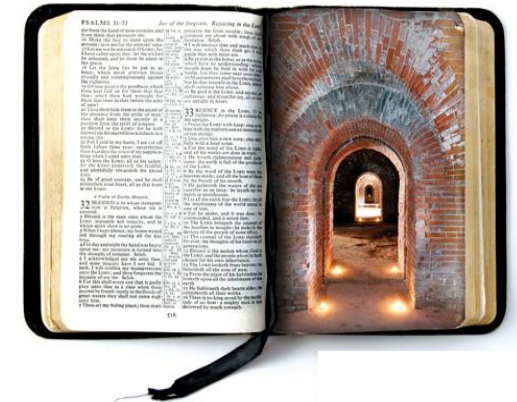


# Discover How You Connect with God



1. **Naturalists** — love God best outdoors. These people worship in the midst of God's creation. They celebrate His majesty and discover spiritual truths through nature
2. **Sensates** — love God through their senses. These people worship through experiences — sights (like art), sounds (music), smells, and more
3. **Traditionalists** — love God through religious ritual and symbols. These people worship through traditions and sacraments of the Church. They believe structure, repetition, and rigidity, like weekly liturgy, leads to deeper understanding of God and faith

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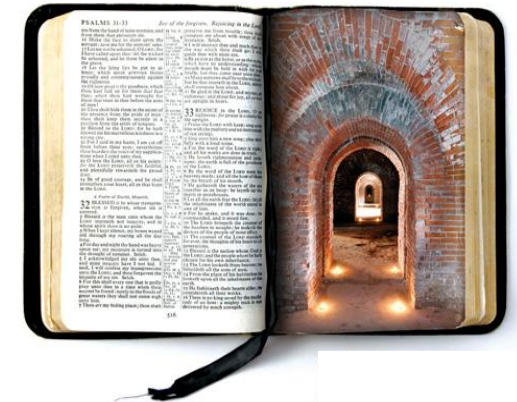
4. **Ascetics** — love God in solitude and simplicity. These people worship through prayer and quiet time, and the absence of all outside noise and distraction

5. **Activists** — love God through confrontation, fighting for godly principles and values. They worship through their dedication to and participation in God's truth about social and evangelistic causes

6. **Caregivers** — love God by serving others, and worship by giving of themselves. They may nurse the sick and disabled, “adopt” a prisoner, donate time at a shelter, etc.



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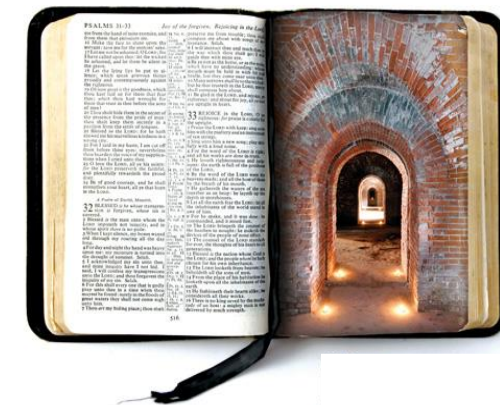


7. **Enthusiasts** — love God through mystery and celebration. These people worship with outward displays of passion and enthusiasm. They love God with gusto!

8. **Contemplatives** — love God through adoration. These people worship by their attentiveness, deep love, and intimacy. They have an active prayer life

9. **Intellectuals** — love God with their mind and their hearts are opened up to a new attentiveness when they understand something new about God. These people worship through intense study, apologetics, and intellectual pursuits of their faith.

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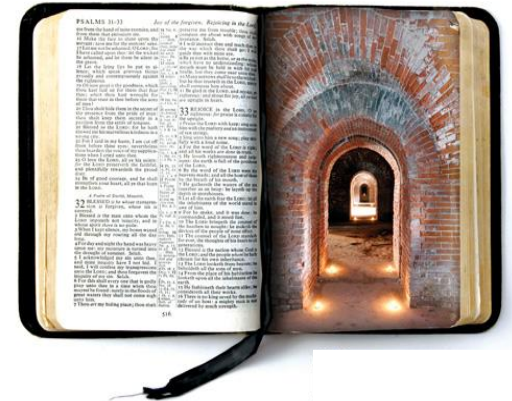


# How To Have a Not So Quiet Time

- **Pray and ask the Lord to speak to you.**  
Use a “best thought” if it is useful.
- **Receive from the Lord through Scripture.**  
Pick an option that works for you:
  - Read sequentially through a book in the Bible. Read it out loud if it is helpful.
  - If you like to “point and shoot”, stick with Proverbs or Psalms.
  - Use a devotional that has a daily reading in it (The Daily Bread, My Utmost for His Highest).
  - Listen to the Word through audio (YouVersion App, Abide App, Pray as You Go Podcast)

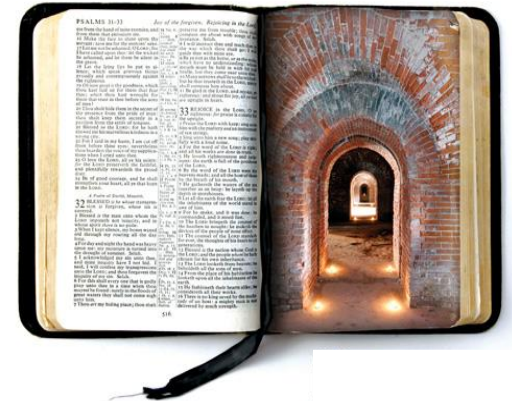


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- **Respond to the Lord.** Spend time with God in a way that connects with your own personality. There is no “right” way to do this except to be yourself! Get creative and find what works for you so that this is a time that you look forward to.

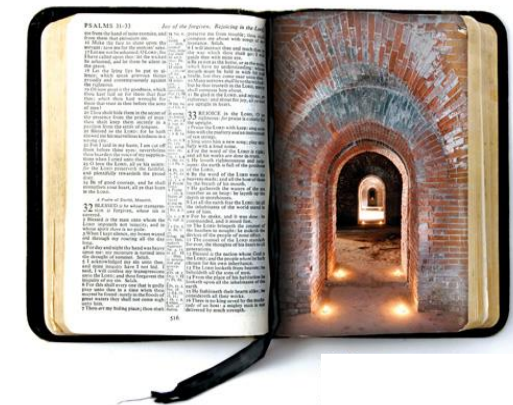
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Try one of the following options:

- Go for a walk.
- Listen to music.
- Move your body. Kneel, jump or dance.
- Journal.
- Create.
- Analyze.





# How To Have a Not So Quiet Time

- **Apply what you have learned.** God doesn't give you an experience with Himself just so that you can feel good. He wants you to put it into practice. (James 1:22)

Here are four application questions to ask yourself:

1. What is one thing that I learned or that was revealed to me?
2. Who am I going to teach that to?
3. What is one thing that I am going to do differently?
4. Who am I going to ask to hold me accountable?

**Spend time being fully  
who you are with  
Jesus.**

**Learn His voice.**

**Allow Him to be your  
focus.**

