

# Sermon Notes



## **Do you want to hear God Speak? 2 Timothy 3:16**

You have the Author of the Book in your life who can daily communicate how the Bible applies to your daily life! It is no accident that your Creator gave you two ears and one mouth. If you spent more time listening in prayer instead of just talking in prayer, you would hear God's voice. Prayer is a conversation with God. It is a vertical connection and an interpersonal communication with God. If you want to hear from God, be still and quiet in your prayer time, and listen and realize the Author of the Book lives in you, and God will use the Holy Spirit to talk to you.

## **Do you really, really, really want to hear God Speak?**

Psalm 100:4; Ephesians 5:20

-Approach Him with a thankful heart.

-Be thankful or thank God for who He is and what He has done for you.

-There is a connection between your being able to hear God and your heart toward God.

## **Do you really, really, really want God to speak to you? Isaiah 55:8-9; Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:2**

-Prepare your heart for God to speak by saying yes before you even know what God is calling you to do. Do not make your obedience contingent on what God might say. This leads to a closed and hardened heart.

-You cannot hear God with unrepented sin in you.

God's love does not overlook these things repent!

Your repentance doesn't generate His love and desire to speak to you; it brings you into an experience of His love, so you can hear His voice! It puts you in a place where you can receive it.

Listen to God. He does speak today to you through His Word and His Spirit. Whenever God speaks to you, whatever form or measure it might take, He never ever contradicts His Word. Whatever the Spirit speaks to you, it is always designed to draw you closer to God and into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

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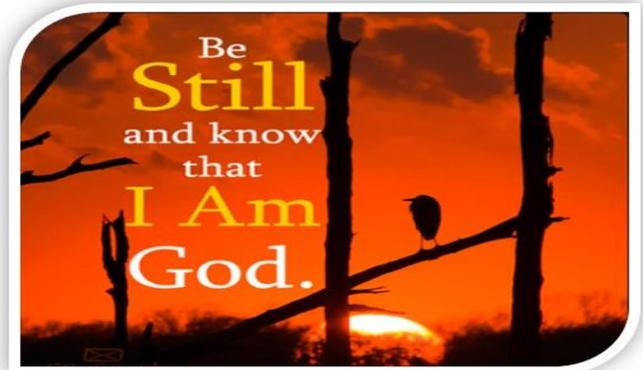
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### *Welcome to West!*

*We would like to welcome all our guests. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Please fill out one of the "Connect Cards" cards and place it in the offering when passed. If you have a need or request you would like to share, the other side of the "Connect Card" is a "Prayer Card."*



*All followers of Jesus Christ are welcome to join with us as we partake of Communion this morning. May these moments of reflection be meaningful to you and help renew your spirit for the week ahead. Please partake freely of the Lord's Supper. One tray will be passed as the bread and juice are double-cupped. Take the cups and hold until you are ready to partake. Pass empty cups to the outside of row and servers will return to pick them up.*

*Visit our Home Pointe West center this morning for free valuable resources for all seasons of life.*

*For children's programs and locations, please see Greeters or Host.*

## This Week at West

### Today

"My Time" College & Youth Adult Ministry  
Bible Study Class  
9:40 a.m. in the Gym

Adult Bible Study Class  
11:00 a.m. in Room 113

*"What Jesus Taught About Prayer"*  
Led by Ron Fisher

Jr./Sr. High Bible Study Class  
11:10 a.m. Upstairs

### Tuesday

DIVAS at the WELL LIFE Group  
Study: *Grace: A Study on Ephesians*  
9:15 a.m. at West  
Leader: Cindy Klepal  
Childcare provided

BLESSED Women LIFE Group  
Study: *Praying the Names of Jesus*  
6:30 p.m. at 10628 Bobsyl Lane, Grand Ledge  
Leader: Laurie Smith  
No Childcare

### Wednesday

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. at West  
Meet in the Gym

### Thursday

Single Ladies LIFE Group  
6:30 p.m. at 3119 West Jolly Road, Lansing  
ALL Ages & Stages of Life  
Leader: Ashley Saltsman

## **BOND OF BROTHERS** LIFE Group

7:00 at West  
Speaker: Come and find out!

### Serving Today

Greeters: Sue Deagan & Mark Dingwell  
Host: Bob Solomon  
Head Ushers: Anil Ganga (1<sup>st</sup>); John Woods (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Security: Ron Wise (1<sup>st</sup>); Chris Fairchild (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Nursery: Laurie Smith (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Kathy Fairchild (2<sup>nd</sup>)

WiFi Password: MySaviorLives  
Website: [www.westlansingchurch.com](http://www.westlansingchurch.com)

The Bulletin and a link to the Church Directory are on our website.  
Contact the church office for username/password to access the  
Church Directory.

## Plan Ahead



My Time Activities  
"Friendsgiving"  
November 18 following  
second service  
Contact Joel  
([joel@westlansingchurch.com](mailto:joel@westlansingchurch.com)) for more info  
or to RSVP

Like to cook and want to  
support our young adult  
ministry? Contact Joel  
([joel@westlansingchurch.com](mailto:joel@westlansingchurch.com))  
on how you can help provide for  
My Time's "Friendsgiving"  
celebration on November 18.



**Men, It's Coming to West!**  
Yes, the Great Lakes Christian Men's  
Fellowship will take place at our church on  
November 19. This is a great EAT and  
MEET event.

EAT – The ladies in our church will provide a  
wonderful meal for our body while Keith Wise, from  
the St. Louis Church of Christ, will bring us a  
spiritual feast for our souls.

MEET – Experience the blessing of meeting and  
getting to know fellow brothers in Christ from  
sister churches in the greater Lansing area.  
Expand your vision of what God is doing among us.

Men, bring your son(s). Make a memory as they  
experience men having a good time eating, singing  
and worshipping together.

Save the Date: November 19. It starts at 6:30 p.m.  
and ends about 8:00 p.m.

Christmas on Campus  
*"An Unlikely Christmas Shepherd"*  
Friday, December 14 at the Doty Center  
Great Lakes Christian College  
Tickets are \$10 per person and must be bought  
ahead of time by calling 800.965.9324 or online at  
[iTickets.com](http://iTickets.com).

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Needed monthly to cover basic needs & 15% to Missions: \$31,000  
October 2018 Offerings: \$52,130  
September 2018 Offerings: \$ 34,400  
August 2018 Offerings: \$35,000

### A Missions Challenge

Periodically in Sunday's bulletins we call attention to the rich study materials available to our people on the magazine table in the back of our worship center.

Today we are asking our West Lansing members to pick up a copy of November's *Christian Standard*. It features the work of J. Russell Morse and his family as they went to Asia to preach the gospel in the countries of China, Tibet and Burma. See pages 34-43. If we run out of *Christian Standard* copies, we will order more.

That work began 100 years ago. It marked the beginning of New Testament independent missionary work that has expanded greatly since then up to the present time.

Before J. Russell Morris and his wife, Gertrude, went to the Far East, missionaries had to be approved by the National Christian Missionary Society. This centralized organization sponsored by the Disciples of Christ denomination decided where missionaries could work and what other groups they had to cooperate with.

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