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Ways You'll Know  
God Is Calling You  
To BOLD Action



# *We Don't Always Get A Burning Bush... Or Do We?*

Sometimes the most difficult part of following God, is figuring out where He wants us to go. The women I coach are constantly asking me, "How do I know if I'm supposed to make this happen, or if I'm waiting on God to get it done?"

So I reached out to some of the wisest Christians I know and asked them to share how they know when God is calling them to action. This PDF includes 22 of the best answers from pastors, bloggers, coaches, and authors.

Each brings a unique perspective to the conversation that I know will inspire you to be BOLD in your faith, *but you don't have to take my word for it...*

*Blessings,  
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P.S. Be sure to check out the last page for an invite to my FREE Facebook community for Christian Women Who Lead:)



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For me, the greatest indicator God is calling me to move on something, is a feeling of dissonance in my spirit. It's like wearing a pair of shoes that are 1/2 size too small. They nag at you and if you stay in them long enough- You get hurt.

That's how I feel when I'm supposed to take action, but I'm sitting still and the only way to remedy it is to find the shoes that God knows are just the right size!

When God's calling me to sit still there's either exhaustion or

contentment, depending on the season. Both are really important to acknowledge and respond with rest.

I know when God is telling me to boldly take action because I feel the "nudge".

The same nudge I used to feel as an awkward teenager wanting to ask someone to dance. That nudge.

The you KNOW you gotta do it nudge but everything in you wants to run and hide.

Usually when I am not hearing the Lord and He seems quiet... I know to be still. And wait. And be patient.

And be obedient to the

**LAST THING** He told me to do.



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It doesn't always work this way, but for me, as soon as I can "see" something, when I have the clarity, then it's time for me to move boldly. Usually I still have a lot of unanswered questions and am certain I lack the skills needed to carry out this call from God, but there's a deep knowing that the Holy Spirit is in it all and I should begin to walk it out, trusting Him to provide for all my needs along the way. On the flip side, if I have an idea but I don't yet have the clarity or peace, I will continue to pray and wait. But I will actively inquire of Him for wisdom and clarity.

I tend to need a push to do things sometimes. In my experience, it's been other people who have sensed God's calling on my life and encouraged me to act. At that point it is my decision whether to boldly act or to sit still.

It's in those times that I find myself on my knees, asking God to open the right doors. It's the encouragement from others, other Godly men and women, who enabled me to boldly live out the place to which I have been called.



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Just like Elijah in 1 Kings 19, I've found that God often doesn't come in loud, grand displays. Bold action and stillness start the same way: with gentle nudges. With the Word as my guardrail, I ask the Lord every day to simply let me follow His whispers. It's like living my days making eye contact with Him. When I listen for His whispers, I'm forced to stay present and

open to what He's speaking in every moment. Eventually I get to the outcome He desires, but the treasure is found in the intimacy with Him.

I've found whenever God is asking me to take a bold step of faith into uncharted territories, He usually precedes it by literally pushing me away from where I'm at. He'll dramatically close doors and push me out of my comfort zone. But the wonderful thing is that the greater the risk He's asking me to take, the stronger the peace He provides to assure me that He's got it all under control.



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God created us the ability to make decisions for ourselves. If we have a desire to do something, we can ask several questions to determine whether we should move ahead.

- First, does it violate God's written will?

- Second, has God sovereignly provided what we need to do it?

If these two things are present, then move ahead slowly at first, does God open the way before us, or are there obstacles? Are these obstacles anticipated opposition or indications that God is suggesting a pause?

The answer to whether I should go or stay is always revealed in prayer. When I pray about the situation, do I feel a check in my spirit, a nudge to slow down and stop? Or, conversely, do I sense the Spirit giving me courage to step out in faith, even if it scares me or takes me outside my comfort zone?



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I usually know when God is calling me to take bold action when the action lines up with my spiritual gifts, blesses others and is an answer to something I've been praying for. I've also learned that sometimes I just need to act first and listen for God to direct me elsewhere. I hold tight to Proverbs 16:9 and truly believe that God blesses our actions if we approach it with a goal to glorify him first. If he sees that this action is best suited elsewhere, this is where I believe he will truly establish each step. Following Jesus may just look like focusing on a single step at a time.

I know when God is calling me to boldly take action because He places it on my heart. It becomes so intense that if I don't take action and be obedient, I about burst. He stirs it inside me and I become really excited! Now when He tells me be still, I feel a sense of quietness deep inside, kind of like He just allows it to simmer.



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Sometimes I find myself asking God to give me a sign! Tell me! Help me know! I will metaphorically (or literally) cry out - I can't hear you God! Louder!! And almost always the answer is - "Listen. Listen carefully. Because I (God) refuse to turn up the volume on my message in order to be heard above the noise in your life. Be quiet. Listen. Turn down the noise and you will hear me." And so I take down the volume in my life. Eliminate the noise. Listen. And then I see the answer/hear the answer. And often it was there all along, but I was not listening if I am really honest with myself.

I pray that my life goal is to ask God to "tune my heart to sing Thy grace!" just as the old hymn goes. Tuning my heart to God is the key here- I can't expect God to come on my terms, only on His!

Meeting God where He is through prayer and Bible study means that I'll know what the Holy Spirit is whispering to me throughout my days.



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I have learned that there is always purpose in the waiting. Waiting teaches us to persevere. Waiting strengthens our faith. Waiting allows God to work things out for us in a way we could never accomplish on our own.

Waiting makes our dream more precious as we watch it unfold one beautiful page at a time in the story of our lives.

No matter what his response is, remember this. God's timing is always perfect. He sees everything from beginning to end. Even when we try to plow ahead of him, He patiently waits for us to let him lead the way.

I know when God is calling me to move when I feel a "pulling" in a certain direction.

Often when I have been wrestling with an issue and I finally get to the place where I am willing to say, "I have no idea how to do this" He provides the answers I am searching for.

I would say more often than not, this answer is something that I wasn't looking for.



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I try to make time routinely to invite the Holy Spirit to guide me. Giving him authority to move in and through me. With that, in general, in moments of decision, I generally feel a peaceful calmness about which way to go.

Bold moves require that peace, and I'm willing to wait until I feel it.

Many times I need to quiet the "outside" voices, sometimes even close friends and family, and just listen for God. When I'm struggling, I try to enter a period of praise, worshiping God always seems to clear out the cluttered energy of frustrations and fear.

Meditating on one or two relevant scriptures helps as well.

You know God is calling you to act:

When you have an idea to begin and it gets confirmed repeatedly by others asking you to do it or consider it.

When there is no other choice or the most obvious choice

When you have peace. I think this is rare. lol, but peace quickly follows obedience.

By Prophetic invitation and prayerful affirmation.



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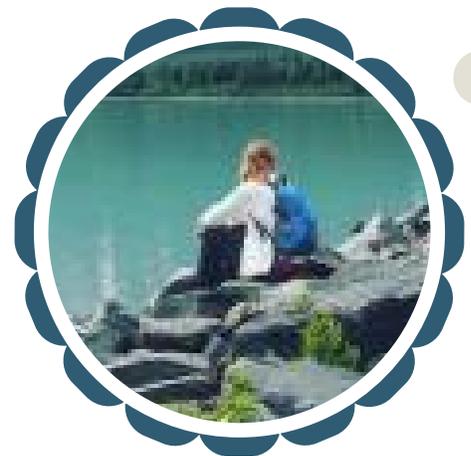


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When God is calling me to act boldly I usually have a peace deep in my soul and an excitement that is hard to contain. Also, everything falls into place which is what happened this past summer with some product creation.

When God is calling me to be still, I have peace and my mind is at peace, too. When I am in a season of 'stillness', I can watch others excel and succeed and still have peace in my innermost being knowing that in God's timing, I will be the one excelling.

I believe God likes to be intimate with his communication. The more I am in his word, learning and growing, the clearer I see, the more I grasp, and the more I feel secure and bold. I think the strongest force to remember in times of tough decisions, is to pray about it. In that very moment, ask God for provision and guidance.



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There's no easy answers when it comes to action versus patience. Action must be a natural outflow of times of silence and stillness. We live in a frenetically chaotic world. I

block out weekly down time (Sabbath) and quarterly breaks that are longer - a weekend or a week. Nothing fancy. Nothing expensive - just downtime and play. I have to plot out these times in my calendar, and not be afraid to guard them.

I am in a season of creative output with a new music album, Love Struggle, writing a book, and recording new music. None of this would be possible without those guarded times of quiet and stillness in my schedule.

The way I know when God is calling me to boldly take action is when I hear His call and then doors of opportunity open wide.

Also, when what I'm called to MOVE it's typically met with spiritual warfare.

God's voice also can be confirmed by those I trust speaking truth into my life that align with what God is speaking to my heart.



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First, practice listening to God. Test out when is the best time to make a bold decision or when to wait. Practice listening to God's Word as you read it. What clicks in your heart? As you pray and make decisions try to be yourself and not feel pressured to do what others are doing. Get in the habit of listening to your heart, even writing down your feelings, desires, goals so that you are confident of your own path. We all want to act with integrity & authenticity but we can't if we're aren't relaxed with our self image.

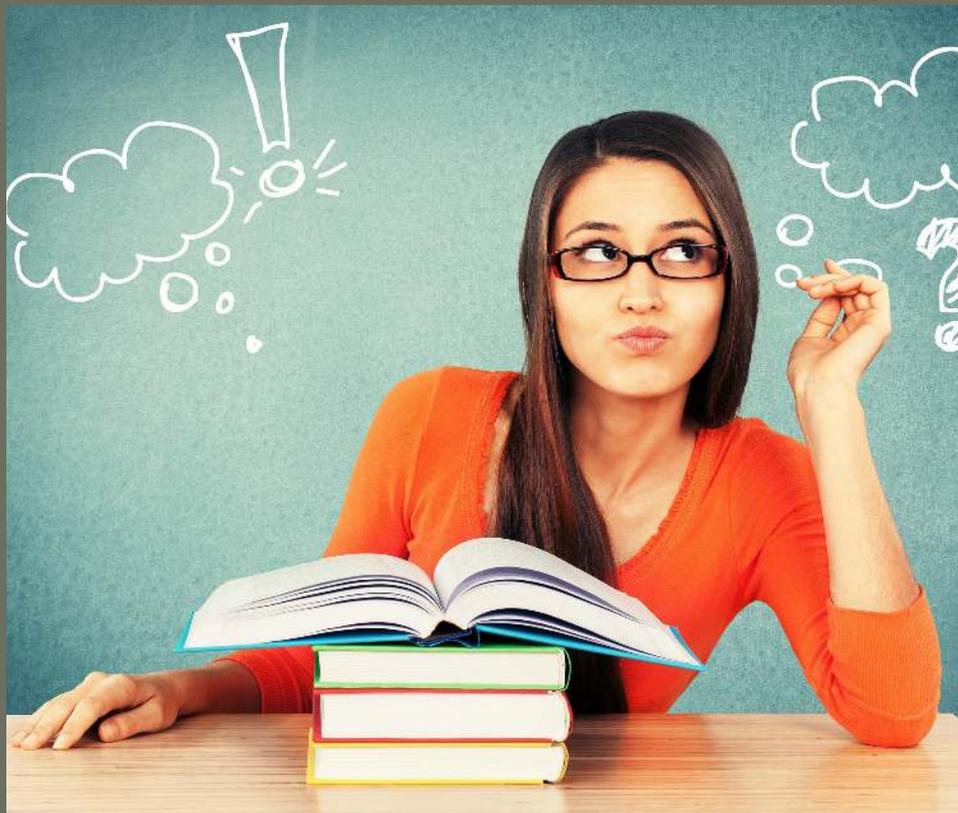
One way that I use to see if it is indeed God asking me to be bold in taking action is to ask myself two important questions. One question is whether fear is at the heart of what is stopping me and the second is have I spent time in God's word and prayer seeking His face for my answers. So often we seek the insight of people, peers, influencers and even our spouses but we forget to go to the very Creator of the universe. If fear is part of any decision to not take action I know that is not of the Lord. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7) I know personally I have been in a place recently of being still, and for the action taker I am, this has been difficult. However I have chosen to be obedient to His timing.



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