

The graphic features the word "WHISPERS" in a large, bold, serif font, with the subtitle "HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD" in a smaller, all-caps serif font below it. The text is set against a background of dark, swirling clouds.

WHISPERS

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

Part 4-Living as Friends of God

God is a gracious conversationalist. He *will* tell us about Himself, which helps us build a relationship in which we trust Him with everything we've got.

~ *Jan Johnson*

... our union with God – his presence with us, in which our aloneness is banished and the meaning and full purpose of human existence is realized – consists chiefly in a conversational relationship with God while we are each consistently and deeply engaged as his friend and colaborer in the affairs of the kingdom of the heavens.

~ *Dallas Willard*

...most of us prefer listening to a pastor or speaker rather than training ourselves to sit in quiet and listen to God.

~ *Jan Johnson*

Many come to Christ and never realize the meaning of being God's sons and daughters. The painting of Christ knocking on the closed door of the heart portrays this. As we listen and open the door to the divine Son, we know friendship and sonship.

~ *Leanne Payne*

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

~ *James 4:8a, NASB*

There is a great beauty in the movement of the soul as it forsakes its alienation and inability to hear, know, and be friends with God, and comes into a position of listening, illumination, and union with Him. There is a splendid simplicity to it.

~ *Leanne Payne*

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Saviour, makes me whole.

~ *J. Wilbur Chapman*

Friendship with God is not only possible, but it is God's will...

~ *Jan Johnson*

"No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

~ *Jesus (John 15:15, NASB)*