

Lesson 4 Study Guide – “Hey God, Is That You?”

How to Recognize God at Work in Your Life

Key Question

- How do I really know when God is being glorified in my life?
- One major hindrance is the spirit of comparison.
- It is not about being comfortable but being purposeful.

1. The Experience of Fiery Trials – 1 Peter 4:12–16

- Trials are not strange occurrences.
- We are called to rejoice when suffering for Christ.
- God’s glory rests upon us in the fire.
- Do not suffer for fleshly foolishness.
- God does not always remove the fire; He gives grace to walk through it.
- Our attitude in trials should glorify God.
- If we are tested, we are also anointed to endure the test.

2. A Personal Desire to Change – James 2:26

- Struggle often indicates God is working in you.
- If there is no struggle, there may be stagnation.
- Decision precedes deliverance.
- Discipline is required for change.
- Settling suggests surrender to the flesh.
- The battle within reveals spiritual competition.
- The fight happens in the battle, and the battle shapes the fight.

3. God Sends People to Help You Grow

- God places people in our lives to sharpen and improve us.
- We are accountable to those who went before us, those coming behind us, and God Himself.
- Growth often comes through correction and community.

4. You Become Humble and Teachable – James 4:6

- God gives grace to the humble.
- A strong foundation is built on understanding, not just information.
- Pride resists teaching.
- A teachable spirit positions you for growth.\

5. Purpose and Direction Become Clearer – Romans 8:28–30

- We are called according to His purpose.
- Foreknown, predestined, called, justified, and glorified.
- Purpose is discovered in movement, not doubt.
- God’s goal is conformity to Christ.
- We fight from victory, not for victory.
- Sanctification is part of the calling.

Ephesians 2:10

- We are God’s workmanship (poiema).
- We are His masterpiece, uniquely created.
- Created for good works prepared in advance.
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to fulfill our assignment.

6. Enduring Seasons of Rejection – Ecclesiastes 3:3

- God’s no is not rejection; it is redirection.
- Closed doors begin new paths.
- God sees what we cannot.
- Spiritual development matters more than comfort.
- You and God cannot both drive the bus.

7. Continuing Despite Opposition – John 16:32–33

- Taking a stand for God invites opposition.
- Holy positioning attracts spiritual resistance.
- Warfare often confirms you are advancing.
- Progress stops when belief stops.

8. Overcoming Setbacks and Failures – Romans 8:35–37

- Setbacks are setups for comebacks.
- Being knocked down is not being knocked out.
- Durability is spiritually necessary.
- Alignment with truth builds resilience.
- Rely on divine enablement, not excuses.
- Strength comes from God, not self.

Proverbs 24:16

- The righteous may fall but rise again.

9. God Is Using You to Help Others – 1 Timothy 4:12

- Being used by God requires stepping beyond comfort.
- You cannot lead from limitation thinking.
- Strength comes through Christ.

10. Visible Transformation – Matthew 5:16

- Inner change becomes outward evidence.
- Disciplined habits reveal transformation.
- Your life should reflect Christ.
- You do not announce change; it radiates.
- Brokenness becomes a testimony for God's glory.

11. Enjoying Your Walk with God – Galatians 5:22–23

- True joy exists even in struggle.
- The fruit of the Spirit becomes evident.
- There is excitement in obedience.

12. Remaining Faithful Through Heartbreak – Psalm 34:18–19

- God is near to the brokenhearted.
- Heartbreak builds humility.
- Protection sometimes feels like loss.
- God removes what is not purposeful.
- Broken hearts can be rebuilt stronger.
- God refines character through pain.

Philippians 4:6

- Bring everything to God in prayer.