

## WIRED FOR GOD

If you're listening for God's side of your prayer DIALOGUE, here is a short drama written especially for you

LIZ -- (enters backward unreeling brightly colored wires)

AMY -- (enters opposite carrying books or folders, pauses as Liz goes by) What are you doing?

LIZ -- I'm running these wires from the church over to my house.

AMY -- We already have a wire going from the church to your house.

LIZ -- We do?

AMY -- Yes. It's called a telephone. You can call here anytime you want to.

LIZ -- No, you don't understand. See, I don't want to talk. I just want to listen.

AMY -- You want to listen.

LIZ -- Yes.

AMY -- To what?

LIZ -- Well, it occurred to me that I'm only here in church one hour per week.

AMY -- Two hours per week, if you come to Bible study.

LIZ -- Yes, well, what I mean is, what if God speaks and no one is here to listen?

AMY -- I'll bet you lay awake nights thinking about these things, don't you?

LIZ -- Last night, for instance. I thought, if there's 168 hours per week and we're only in church one or two of those hours, we have only a slim chance of being here when God speaks to us. So, I thought I'd increase the chances of hearing his voice.

(resumes unreeling wires)

AMY -- Tell me, have you ever heard the voice of God?

LIZ -- (stops) Well, no, of course not. And now I know why. I'm only here in church about an hour per week. The odds are against me. That's why I'm running intercom wires to my house.

AMY -- Have you ever heard of people hearing the audible voice of God?

LIZ -- Well, actually, I've only heard of one. He was in the state mental hospital. He had on one of those canvas jackets with the long sleeves that tie behind his back with the...

AMY -- ...A straight jacket.

LIZ -- Yes...well.... He had on a straight jacket.

AMY -- Doesn't that tell you anything?

LIZ -- I... I'm not sure what you mean.

AMY -- Doesn't it strike you as odd that the only person you know who claims to have heard the voice of God is a mental patient?

LIZ -- Oh. I never thought about it like that.

AMY -- Perhaps before you go to all the trouble and expense of wiring the neighborhood for sound, you should find out if God really communicates with his people like that.

LIZ -- Oh, I'm sure he does.

AMY -- What makes you so sure?

LIZ -- Well, people say things. People say "God told me to do this or that". Experts write books on hearing God's voice. I'm sure SOMEBODY must be able to hear God's voice.

AMY -- But the only people YOU know who claim to hear an audible voice are locked up in the booby hatch.

LIZ -- Are you saying that wiring the church for sound might be a waste of time?

AMY -- Probably.

LIZ -- Well, how come people write books about hearing God's voice? I saw a book that cost \$22.50 on hearing God's voice!

AMY -- If I wrote a book for sixty-two fifty, would it be more convincing for you?

LIZ -- Oh. I see.

AMY -- What do you see?

LIZ -- Just because people say it, doesn't make it true.

AMY -- Bravo!

LIZ -- How do you know if it's true, then?

AMY --Tell me where it says in the Bible that people heard the AUDIBLE voice of God.

LIZ -- At Jesus' baptism.

AMY --That's at the very beginning of his ministry. What about later?

LIZ -- There's a voice in the Book Of Revelation.

AMY -- That's at the end. Nothing in between?

LIZ -- Well, there was Paul on the Road to Damascus. Oh, but he was struck blind. I don't think I want to go that route.

AMY -- Anything else?

LIZ --Uh - I don't know. I don't read the Bible that much.

AMY -- AH-HAH! Now, THERE'S your PROBLEM. You should, you know. They don't call the Bible THE WORD of God for nothing.

LIZ -- Oh. I guess maybe a lot of what God wants us to hear is right there, huh?

AMY -- Pretty much.

LIZ -- Probably be a lot less time just sitting around waiting to hear something that way, huh?

AMY -- A lot less.

LIZ -- (reels in wire, exiting) Say, you wouldn't happen to know anyone who wants to buy 14,000 feet of wire, would you?

AMY -- (exiting) Not off hand.

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Thank you for listening. This drama has been brought to you by the Good News Bearers. Stay tuned for next Sunday's regular edition of The Prayer Room. And please include the following prayer in your devotions this week:

Dear Lord, may your Holy Spirit quicken within me a desire to seek your voice in your written word, and give me the strength and determination to act on it. Amen!