

Can You Hear Him Now?

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In 2005, Verizon Wireless created one of the most memorable marketing campaigns ever. In their commercials, a so-called “test man,” accompanied by a crowd of network engineers, travels the country asking the simple question, “Can you hear me now?”

The “catch phrase” caught on. It seemed people could relate to the struggle to connect. Folks were tired of dropped calls and unreliable communication systems. Verizon sent a message that they wanted desperately to connect with its subscribers and wanted its subscribers to be able to connect with each other.

At the risk of selling Him short, God has done the same. God wants to connect with His people and wants His people to be able to connect with each other.

God is trying to reach His people with a message. The question is: Will they respond to God or put God through to voicemail? Will you?

The decisions we make and the actions we take affect not only us, but also those around us. Like it or not, all of us are influencers in our families, our companies, our schools, our neighborhoods, and our churches. Good decisions can have a positive impact, and bad decisions can have a negative impact.

And it’s not just our present times that can be affected. Think in terms of generations. The decisions you make today can impact future generations. What will your children say of you? What will your grandchildren say of you? What will your great grandchildren say of you? What do you want them to say?

The good news is God has a plan and God can enter into our life and turn it into a story of great positive impact on others. God is calling out to you to connect with you to help make this happen.

Much like a call on your cell phone, you can hit the “accept” button or the “reject” button. You have the power to send God to voicemail and make Him wait. Or you can answer His call today. The decisions we make and the actions we take affect us and those around us. The network is clear. The message is reliable. Can you hear Him now?