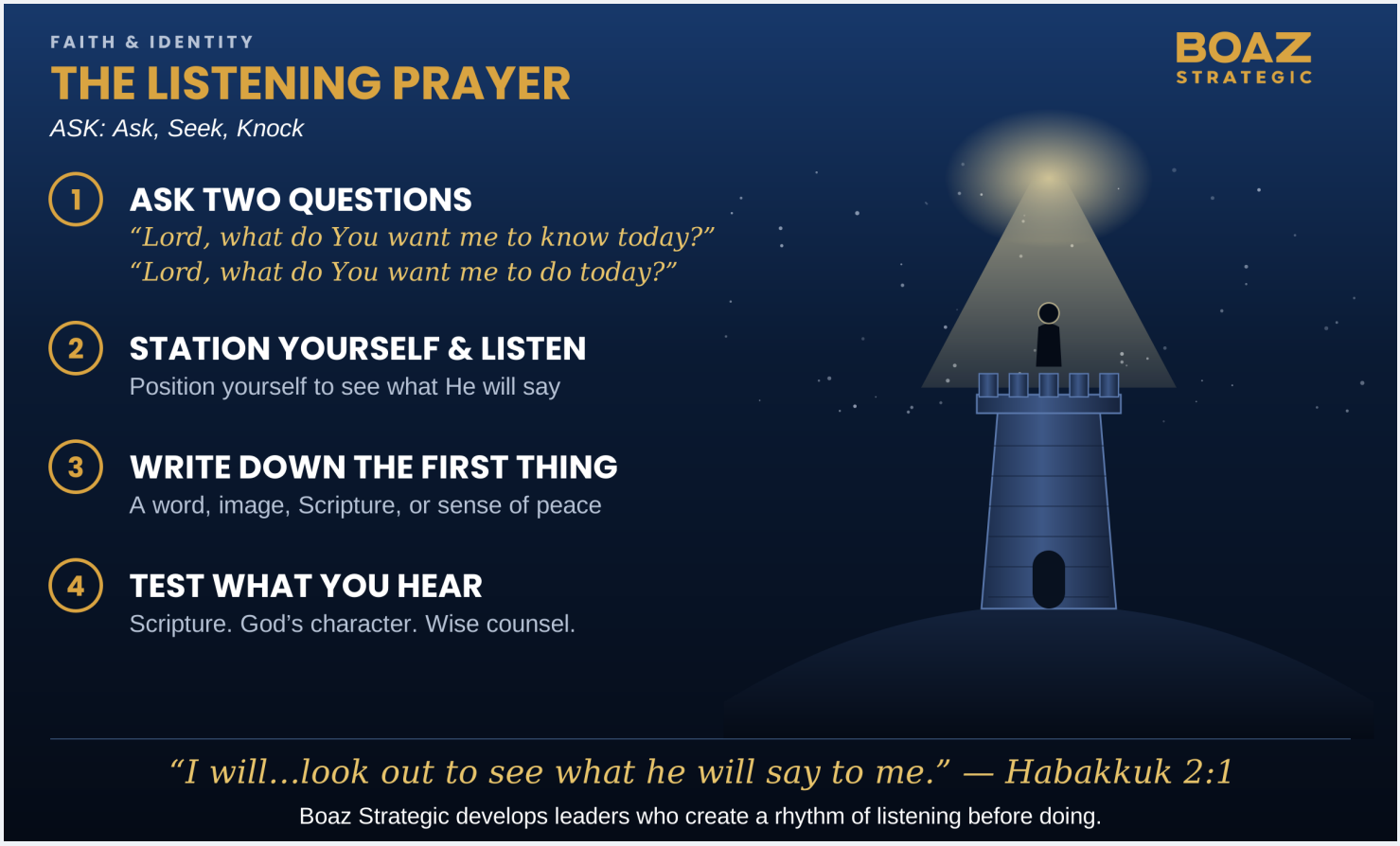


Is that just a thought, or *an invitation?*

> *Don't overcomplicate hearing God.*

Jamie Winship went from a DC police officer to a CIA consultant to decades in conflict zones. The practice he teaches is almost embarrassingly simple.

Ask God two questions: "Lord, what do You want me to know today?" and "Lord, what do You want me to do today?" Then go quiet, just long enough to actually listen.

Habakkuk modeled it: "I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me" (Habakkuk 2:1).

What comes back rarely sounds like a movie voice. More often it's an image, or what seems like an idea or thought. Write down the first thing that comes: a word, image, Scripture, impression, or peace. Don't force it.

You already have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16) and the Holy Spirit within you, so the answers are closer than we often think.

Sean Kouplen, CEO of Regent Bank, says it feels almost like an idea, except you know it wasn't yours. Sean credits the rapid growth of Regent Bank to listening and doing what the Lord shares with him daily.

Our co-founder first heard it as just another thought. He dismissed the voice to go a different direction, then had a car wreck. Since then, he's listened, obeyed, and watched God's providence unfold.

Test what you hear against Scripture, God's character, and wise community.

At Boaz Strategic, we develop leaders who create a rhythm of listening before doing.